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From all other Sources	11,469,406 24
	$54,162,608 23

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To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	$13,279,630 66
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	12,712,424 76
For all other accounts	10,132,005 57
	$36,124,060 99

ASSETS

United States Bonds and other Securities	$132,017,341 45
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	69,422,937 31
Loans on Stocks and Bonds	12,880,308 00
Real Estate	21,618,454 88
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	11,705,195 82
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,141,200 20
	$253,786,437 66
Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities	218,278,243 07
Surplus	$35,508,194 59
Insurance and Annuities In Force	$936,634,496 63

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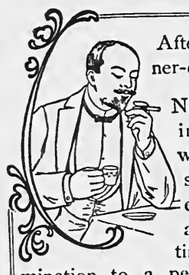

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"WALKIN' HOME WITH MARY."

The moon was silver-clear that night,
The snow was pure and sparklin',
And trees and bushes 'gainst the white
Was blots of shadder, dark'nin'.
Each fence-rail had a jeweled load,
Each twig was gemmed and glary,
And I, along the pastur' road,
Was walkin' home with Mary.

So still, a dog, two miles away,
Could reach us with his howlin'.
The tumblin' breakers in the hay
Was plain as thunder growlin'.
My clumsy hoot-heels' crunch and squeak,
Beside her step so airy,
Seemed sayin', "Now's your time to speak;
You're walkin' home with Mary."

The fur-off breakers lent their help
By boomin' "Now young feller!"
And all that dog could find to yelp
Was "Tell her! Tell her Tell her!"
And every crackin' bit of ice
Seemed like a kind of fairy,
A givin' me the same advice,
When walkin' home with Mary.

And so, I swallered down my heart
'T warnt greatly to my credit,
With all the airth to take my part—
But, anyhow, I said it.
And then that dog shet off his bark;
There wa'nt a breaker, nary;
The hull wide world stood still to hark
And hear the word from Mary.

She answered, and the breakers fell
And roared congratulation;
That blessed dog let out a yell
That must a-woke the nation.
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'T was thirty year or more ago,
Yet still it makes me scary
To think, what if I'd heerd a "No,"
When walkin' home with Mary.

—*Joe Lincoln, in L. A. W. Bulletin.*

JOEL DRACUTT'S INTENTIONS.

"Oh, yes, I know you intend to do things, Joel Dracutt!"

Mrs. Dracutt's voice was high and shrill, her pale blue eyes sparkled with indignation. Her thin, sallow face had a careworn, fretful look. She had been called a pretty girl when she had married Joel Dracutt, but that was long ago, and her loss of bloom and spirit had been due largely to the way Joel "turned out."

The cause of her unrealized expectations can be inferred from the burning words in which she now addressed Joel.

"You've always been intending to do things, Joel Dracutt! There's things you intended to do fifteen years ago that ain't done yet! You've intended to paint and fix up the house, you've intended to put in a cellar, and build a porch.

"You've intended to sod the yard, you've intended for years to dig a well, so we wouldn't have to carry all our water clear across from Simon's Hill's well.

"You've intended to fix up our smoking old chimneys, and put in window-lights, and repair this leaky roof, and fix up the fence, and build a cow-shed, and get me a sewing-machine, and goodness only knows what else you intended to do. And have you done any of these things, Joel Dracutt, have you?"

The shiftless, good-natured looking man sitting on the kitchen doorstep, whittling out a tiny basket out of a peach stone, made no reply.

If Joel felt his guilt, it did not disturb him overmuch, for there was no resentment in his twinkling blue eyes. There was dead silence for fully a minute, then he looked up and said, gently and soothingly—

"Sho, Letty."

"Is that all you've got to say, Joel Dracutt?"

"Yes, 'tis, Letty. I ain' intendin' to say anything more?"

"You'd never say it if it came out like the other things you've been intending to do. Just let me hear you say that you intend to do a thing, and I know it'll never be done. But now I intend to do something, Joel!"

She stopped rocking in the creaking, old rocking-chair, in which she was seated, and leaned forward, shaking one finger warningly.

"Yes, Joel Dracutt, I'm going to do something, and it's this:—

"I'm going to take the children and go back to father's to stay until you've done everything about this run-down old place that you've been intending to do for fifteen years."

He looked up and said again,—

"Sho, Letty."

"I mean every word of it, Joel. I'm simply ashamed to live this way any longer. I'm ashamed to fetch our children up in such surroundings.

Father will be glad enough to have me at home again, now that mother's dead, and he's no housekeeper put poor old Aunt Ann. Things are kept up in good shape at father's.

"My father works, as it's the bounden duty of ev'ry man to work. I'm going to let him rear my children because their own father ain't fit to do it" Her voice choked and she said slowly and sadly,—

"I never thought when we were married, Joel, that I'd have to leave you for very shame; I never thought when Joey and little Lucy were babies, that I'd have to take them away from their own father because he didn't provide for them and because he wasn't fit to rear them as I intend my children shall be reared. I never once thought of it, Joel"

He tossed the completed peach-stone basket into her lap and said—

"There's something for you to remember me by when you get to your father's Letty."

He rose from the doorstep, stretched his arms above his head, yawned, and said:—

"You want me to go over to the river and ketch a mess o' fish for supper? They say they're biting fine now."

His wife made no reply, but he took a long fishing-rod from the wooden pegs on which it rested, and went across the bare and unkept little dooryard, and on down the dusty road until he was lost to view in the timber.

His wife could hear him whistling cheerily after he was lost to view, and she said sadly:—

"He thinks I don't mean it, but he'll find out that I do."

There were tears in her eyes as she went about gathering up her own and her two children's belongings, so few that it was easy to pack them all into one small battered old trunk.

"And it took two trunks and a big box for all the things I fetched to this house," she said, bitterly.

Her packing was done by the time Joey and Lucy, children of eight and ten years, came home from school. Her other preparations had been made the day before, and her father had sent her the money for her journey.

When Joel came home in the evening he found his wife and children gone.

Letty's last act had been to set some food on the table in the kitchen for Joel. She had thrown a cloth over the table, because of the flies, and when Joel lifted the cloth he saw on the plate set for him a scrap of paper on which was written:—

I meant every word I said this morning, and we have gone to my father's on the four o'clock train. We will come back again when you have done all that you have so long "intended" doing, and when you are prepared to provide for us as we have a right to demand and expect. LETTY.

Joel dropped into a chair, while the note fluttered from his fingers to the floor. His wife had been correct in her surmise that Joel had not thought that she had meant all that she had said to him that morning. Letty had made so many idle threats that Joel had ceased to heed them.

The frugal meal she had set out for him remained untouched, although he had come home hungry.

Letty's note had been a sharp check to his appetite. He picked up the bit of paper and read her lines again and again. Then he got up and walked from one to the other of the silent, deserted rooms in the little house.

Letty might, he thought, be playing a trick on him, after all, and he called softly:—

"Letty! Letty!"

He peered into closets and even looked under beds, saying as he did so:—

"You under there, Joey? Where you hiding, Lucy?"

Night came on and he could not stay in the silent house. His wife and children had never before been away from him a single night.

Idle and shiftless as Joel was, he had loved his family, and he had never been harsh to them. He had borne Letty's scoldings and reproaches meekly, and had often tried to soothe her by saying:—

"You do have a good deal to put up with, Letty, and I intend to do better, I swan if I don't!" But his will had been too weak for him to keep this promise.

He wandered around in the unkept and unproductive little garden back of the house long after night had come on. It seemed to him that he could not go into the house and to his bed without his children's good-night kisses.

He stumbled across something in one of the garden paths. It was a little toy wagon belonging to Joey. One wheel was missing, and Joel said in self-reproach as he picked it up:—

"The little feller asked me three or four times to fix his wagon and I intended to I've intended to do so many things I ain't done. I'll do some of them before I sleep and I'll begin on this wagon."

He carried it into the house and lighted a lamp, which was in itself additional evidence of the failure of some of his good intentions, for the bowl of the lamp wobbled around loosely on the stand, and the burner needed repairs that he had been intending to make for weeks.

He found a hammer and nails and spent an hour repairing the little wagon, and then he hunted up a rocker that had long been missing from Lucy's little chair and fastened it securely in its place.

Joel Dracutt was "handy" with tools of any kind, and about all the money he earned was the result of the "tinkering" he did throughout the neighborhood.

Two weeks of active labor that he was perfectly capable of performing would have wrought great changes in his home and lightened poor Letty's labors.

He spent most of the night in bitter self-reproach, and when morning came he looked about the sadly-neglected premises and said frankly:—

"I swan if I blame Letty for goin' away from it all."

This conviction strengthened when he undertook to get his own breakfast on a stove with a door that had to be propped up with a crowbar, and a chimney that smoked steadily for nearly an hour.

He saw how poorly Letty, who was not "handy" at making repairs, had tried to patch up this and that broken article in her kitchen and pantry.

It was a raw morning, the rain came driving in under the kitchen door, because the weather-strip or door-sill had worn away. Joel realized that he could have put a new sill in its place in an hour and he had long intended doing so.

"Letty's had her trials, that's sure," admitted Joel.

Meanwhile, Letty was in the neat, pretty home of her childhood. Its contrast to the home she had left was great, but she was far from happy amid her comfortable surroundings. With all his failings, she loved Joel, and distance and absence magnified his virtues.

She had remembered that her husband had never spoken harshly to her in all their married life. Sometimes when she had been bitterest in her scolding reproaches, and had said all the sharp things her indignation could suggest or her tongue frame, he had listened in abashed silence and had put his arms around her and said contritely:—

"It's all true, Letty, and it's a pity you ever tied yourself to such a poor stick."

She remembered his unfailing kindness to his children, and how patient and gentle he had been with little Joey, who had been one of the most peevish of babies during the first two years of his life.

She remembered how Joel had cared for the fretful child through many a long and weary night, that her own rest might be unbroken.

And when Lucy had the diphtheria, Joel would allow no one but himself to care for her. He had even shut Letty out of the sick-room, because her throat was naturally sensitive, and he would not allow her to subject herself to the contagion.

She remembered so many things she had not taken into account when she determined to leave Joel. She was not indifferent to his comfort, and she thought of what a wretched time he must be having trying to "do for himself."

She found, too, that her active, noisy children disturbed her father. It had been years since there had been a child in his home, and he was what some people call "fussy." It annoyed him to see even a hook out of its proper place, while order was an unknown quantity to his two harum-scarum grand-children.

There were times when their mother almost longed for the careless freedom of her own home, and she missed Joel's cheery laugh and his unfailing smile.

She wrote to Joel frequently, but his replies were few and brief, and he did not even suggest her return to her own home.

At the end of six weeks she announced her intention of going to her own home, and her father did not oppose her. He admitted frankly that the children "worried" him, and that he was too old to adapt himself to this new order of things in his home.

Letty could not tear her love for her children's father from her heart. She did not

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THE MAKING OF A MAN.

Rev. O. G. Petrie gave the fifth of his sermons on the above subject at the union service in the Congregational church last Sunday evening. His text was from Mark 6: 31.

Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile.

This is not an invitation to idleness. Jesus of Nazareth was a man of action. No man ever accepted the imperative of toil so reverently as He who said, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day." No man ever gave himself more indefatigably to the acquisition of wealth or the achievement of fame than did Jesus to the preaching of the gospel and to doing good. For his disciples as well as for himself he set large tasks. He sent them forth to prepare the way for his coming; he despatched them into cities where he could not go to teach and to heal. We may believe that each one of the little band had his daily task, his part to perform for the welfare and comfort of the rest; we may believe that day after day each one of the twelve was made an evangelist and a minister to men and women who came to hear the Master's words and touch his robe.

But Jesus recognizes a value in rest as well as in toil, and great and pressing as is his work, short and fleeting as is his time to finish it, he leads his helpers away from the public highway, away from the villages, away from the cultivated fields, away from throngs and from wayfaring men into the silence, the wildness, the freedom of the desert place.

He knew, what in this thrifty, anxious, busy, rushing time we have almost forgotten, that leisure plays an important part in an efficient growing life. We are the disciples of Industry, the slaves of Mammon, the creatures of Ambition, and our masters will not let us know or heed this principle. But it is true.

The social efficiency of a man depends on his having ample time for rest and recreation. Take it on the very lowest plane: after a certain number of hours the muscles grow weary, the eyes fail, the attention flags, and there is no work so simple that it can be done as rapidly or as well as before fatigue set in. Long hours, unless the labor is varied and in the open air, are confessedly poor economy. Nature asserts her need against the cupidity of the mill-owner or of the individual laborer. If he will overwork her, she will cheat him of his product and get her pay. Night succeeds day; flowers droop when the sun goes down; the heart rests as much as it works; man must learn the lesson. Even a machine wears out, breaks down, under constant usage: the human body and mind is not stronger and ruder than steel and iron For energetic work, for good work, for industrial efficiency, leisure is absolutely essential. Let it be remarked by manufacturers and by laborers; let it be remembered by teachers and by housewives; let no one's thrift or inborn zeal for labor close his eyes to the law which God hath written.

But a man has a higher social task than to tamp ties or dig ditches, to saw wood, or make shoes, or to sell flour and sugar; a higher task than to produce, distribute, and consume commodities. Having also a "soul quite other than his stomach" he is in duty bound to supply its craving and to make some contribution to the world's supply of food for its higher appetites. And this is not to be done by setting type or tuning pianos, but by enjoying books and hearing music. This is not to be accomplished by a few men who study and write, who compose and play, who pray and preach, but by the many. This is to be done by schools—and the schools need some part of everyone's time to help them; it is to be accomplished by churches—and churches can do nothing without the people to hear their gospel and to help in their work; it is to be done by the homes, and the homes can do little, even for their own higher life without the leisure of their members. You cannot build up the intellectual, the moral, the spiritual side of a town's or city's or nation's life, unless there is sufficient leisure from routine. If literature, the arts, culture, spiritual life are to exist, the lower activities must not be allowed to absorb all of men's energies.

It is equally apparent that leisure is important considered with reference to the "making of a man." Have you read about 'how the other half lives' or about the 'white slaves of Boston?' If so, you understand how sixteen hours of toil every day stunt body and soul. You understand that life and thought are conditioned by rest; that the largest growth of a man is impossible without leisure. By constant work a man may acquire wealth, knowledge, friends, but he will lose strength, health, vigor of body and soul, and will be dwarfed. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesses," but in the measure of his manhood, in the vigor of his heartbeats, in the power to enjoy and to do the highest things. Moses left the teeming valley of the Nile to keep sheep in Midian—in the desert he grew fit to lead his people out of bondage. Paul went to Arabia and came thence to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. John the Baptist was in the deserts until the day of his showing to Israel; Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness before He began His life work. More than once He led His disciples into a desert place to rest awhile. Let us heed the lesson. Work has its mission to the higher life; daily occupation is good for the soul; labor educates and develops. But after all, leisure time is most precious, and gives most opportunity for the growing of a noble spirit, for the making of a man. Working hours belong to the employer, to the body, to the necessities of life, but leisure belongs to the man himself, to the soul, to the amenities and blessings of life. Leisure is for the sake of to-day's happiness, of to-morrow's toil, of the future efficiency and joy.

It is every man's right. It should not be the purchase of gold alone. Laws that reduce the hours of labor are beneficent, and should extend wider than the mills and factories. Public opinion, such as is being expressed and created by the Consumers league of New York City, is bringing a great blessing to individuals and to the world. Members of this league refuse to buy clothing made in unsanitary places, by men and women working fourteen to twenty hours a day for insufficient pay. They refuse to patronize stores where such clothing is sold. They will not make a purchase after five o'clock, and insist that clerks shall not be kept overtime. Law and public opinion that rescue the Lord's day from bondage to cupidity and make it a day of leisure for every man are good and deserve our support by voice and vote.

But leisure needs to be used. In itself it will do the man no good. It is nothing but opportunity. It gives a man a chance. It is like the tide that taken at the flood floats one out to the illimitable ocean, and at the ebb leaves him stranded in the muddy harbor. It is like ready money unmortgaged to any necessity: it may be spent for the pearl of great price, it may be squandered on baubles. Leisure time may be used or "killed." "What a murder is that!" says Dr. Moxom. It is a murder of high thoughts, of good deeds, of real life. There is an ethics of time as well as of money; there is a right use of leisure as well as of capital.

The man who understands the value of time, who from his childhood has been taught to see that minutes are golden, who realizes that when a moment has passed no power can bring it back or use it, the man who has a true love of himself and a true ideal of his place and duty in the world, will use his leisure to the best advantage. He will make it contribute to his highest efficiency as a worker, to his greatest happiness and largest life as a man.

He will use it for rest. But he will not be slothful, for "rest is not quitting the busy career." Rest may be most complete when some faculty is engaged Rest of muscles is quite compatible with activity of mind, and a student may rest himself by digging in a garden. Of course rest ought to be absolute during the hours consecrated to sleep, but during the hours of leisure it may often be best secured by a change of occupation.

The right use of leisure suggests recreation. I notice that Englishmen are wiser in this than we. Statesmen, clergymen, professors, business men,—all people take recreation. They leave their books to ride, to tramp, to hunt, to fish. They leave their work to go to cricket games and races and sports of all sorts They are a people of the open air. Go where you will, on Saturday afternoons the teams of two villages meet upon the green to play cricket, and all the people get out to cheer and shout and enjoy the innocent amusement. Let us not be afraid of encouraging amusements of this sort, or of attending them keep out brutality, indecency, immorality—it can be done—and they will offer a splendid use for leisure hours.

But recreation may be had apart from innocent amusements, along higher lines leading to culture. I remark that fads are good. The wheel, the kodak, the study of birds, the culture of flowers, the practice of music—not one of these but rests, refreshes, relieves the tension of the mind, lifts the soul from the sordidness of its life.

"Because a man has stop to mind
In time and place since flesh must live,
Needs spirit back all life behind.
All stray thoughts, fancies fugitive,
All boons except what trade can give:
I want to know a butcher paints,
A baker rhymes for his pursuit,
Candlestick-maker much acquaints
His soul with song, or haply mute,
Blows out his brains upon the flute."

The practical value of careful use of leisure is scarcely to be overestimated. If a man will read a good book for 30 minutes each day he shall read twenty good books in a year. Franklin owed much of the intelligence which sent him to the court of St. James, and made him the best friend of the United Colonies, to his persistent improvement of hours and minutes stolen from dinner and from sleep. Hugh Miller, an unlettered stone mason, learned in leisure hours to read, to write brilliantly, to know more about the Old Red Sandstone than any other man living. And any man who will use his leisure to cultivate his mind or to do good unto others may thereby grow to the full stature of manhood.

Let us be candid now and say how many of us rise to this ideal use of leisure. Let us confess how we let the pearls slip off the string and sink to the bottom of the sea past all recovery. Let us examine ourselves and find how much time we waste dreaming o what we will do to-morrow, rejoicing over yesterday's success, fretting over yesterday's failure; how much time we lose because we have no definite thing to do when our hands are free,—no book to read, no song to learn, no lesson to get, no charity to perform. Let us confess how we have despised our opportunities.

Let us look about us and see how leisure saved from work is being used and say plainly what we see. It will require some courage to tell how time is wasted, how opportunities are scorned, how men devote leisure to laziness, to pleasures both debasing and corrupting.

There is a manifest neglect to use the leisure of Sunday in the highest way. Men barter their birthright to a day of rest for a mess of pottage. They despise the privilege saved for them through twice 15 centuries. One seventh of all time granted by law, by custom, by public opinion, wherein to serve the Lord with gladness, to strengthen the spirit, to gird up a man's life to nobler performance of its task—and men lounge, and read trashy papers, and live that day on a lower plane than any of the six that follow! I submit that the right use of the Sabbath day involves attendance on a religious service, some special use of the privileges of the home circle, some special recognition of its responsibilities, some serious attention to lifting the plane of one's thought and life a bit nearer heaven. I submit that the Sabbath cannot be saved, even for rest, unless men and women also use it for worship; that we have no right to use the Sabbath lazily.

Cheap shows tempt many to a waste of precious time. I do not mean a show cheap in price, but cheap in quality. It is astonishing how many people seek relief from the monotony of life by attending them. It is appalling to think not only of the time lost that might have been devoted to good conversation, to innocent play, to reading or music, but to realize how the mind and soul is hurt. It injures, it destroys the better taste to feed the mind with the songs, spectacles and fun that constitute the staple of many a traveling company.

But let us not imagine that to read is necessarily to use leisure aright. So much is printed that is not worth reading, so much read that is pernicious There are so many columns of horrors in the dailies, so many pages of cheap stories and information in the Sunday editions, so much padding in the style of really important news, that men are betrayed into wasting time reading what they will straightway forget, to the neglect of things that they might remember with profit. Besides these puffed-out dailies, there is a good deal of light literature circulated and read in every town. Good enough to pass muster before the courts, it is nevertheless silly enough to weaken the moral fibre of any one who reads it, and bad enough to corrupt the hearts of men and women as well as of boys and girls.

I come at last to the greatest enemies to the right use of leisure—we have three of them in our village, six of them in our town. Can you estimate how many hours are spent there? how much life is wasted there? Your eyes were opened a year ago by a revelation of how many dollars were spent in them,—dollars that might have been spent at the grocery, the market, the shoe-store, the clothier; dollars that would have bought food and clothes and books and comforts of life for many a hard-working woman and bright-eyed child; dollars that would have made all the difference between comfort and poverty, between happiness and misery if the bar-tender had not swept them into his till. Well, precious as dollars are such times as these, there are things more precious. Time is more precious; opportunity is more precious; manly strength, clear minds, loving hearts are more precious—a man is more precious. And it must make any lover of his kind sore and sick at heart to see men enter these open doors to spend not only their money for that which is not bread, but their time,

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 4, 1898.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, MARCH 3, 1898.

The plan for a canal across Cape Cod has to-day a stronger backing than ever before, apparently, but it remains to be seen whether it will be strong enough to secure the beginning of construction. Gov. Wolcott mentioned the matter in his message as a possibility. This was evidently based upon the expectation that the report which was due from the superintendent of prisons under the resolve of last year would be in favor of the scheme. That report is now public property. It takes up the general question of the employment of convicts on public works and lands, as it was required to do under instructions. It gives attention to road-making and to the reclamation of lands, but the most important part of the document is the part relating to the canal. The odd part of the conclusion in favor of the canal is the frank admission that it is not expected to be a paying enterprise, but it is believed to be a good policy for the state to engage in the construction for the sake of employing the prisoners and for helping the commerce which otherwise would have to make the passage around the end of the Cape.

On Tuesday forenoon, the day following the presentation of the report, the general superintendent of prisons, Frederick C. Pettigrove, appeared before the committees on harbors and prisons, sitting jointly, and explained his plan. The first remarkable feature of his remarks was his revelation of the lack of employment of the men in the county institutions. Of over 4000 men who were confined in the last year, only about 2000 were employed. Here seems to be a scandalous fact in our prison administration Doubtless the people generally do not know that this condition exists, for it is not likely that they would permit it to be a permanent feature of the prison management. Some sort of work would be provided for the convicts.

Opportunity exists for a searching study into the insurance situation, if one only had the time. The pressure of the people against the companies of all sorts continues. The fire insurance rates in Boston have been so exceptionally profitable during the last few years that the long-headed insurance men favor a reduction in order to keep the people contented and prevent a more violent course by means of legislation. The restrictions put upon assessment companies are threatened with being drawn still tighter. This is because of the belief that further rights can be granted to the policy-holders without doing injury to the companies. The assessment companies, in particular, are the subject of several proposed restrictions, such as that no company shall have the right to contest a policy which has been issued for six months or over. The experience of the people with the Massachusetts Mutual Benefit Life Association and the Bay State Beneficiary Association has made the people suspicious and cautious. There is a current belief that the policy holders are used too much as a means of income to insurance managers, when there is no reason in the ability or attainments of those men for giving them a softer place in life than is enjoyed by the average citizen. Unquestionably there are some very sharp men in profitable positions in insurance circles who get much more out of the public than they give an equivalent for, and the attitude of the public in recent years is justified.

Possibly there will be an investigation into the gas situation in Boston. Of course influence will be brought to bear against it, as far as those who have anything to conceal have power to exert on members of the Legislature. The recent disclosures regarding the immense capitalization of gas property in Boston, with no corresponding increase in the value of the plant, are startling.

The opposition to the appropriation for the extermination of the gypsy moth has been reduced to smaller proportions this year than usual. The persistent fight which has been kept up for years against the appropriation has led to a satisfactory demonstration that, in the main, the work has been done honestly, economically and competently, and that if it were not continued the state and all the United States would suffer unspeakably more than the cost of extermination. More than this, it has been conclusively demonstrated to be practicable to exterminate the moth. The report of the specialist sent on from Washington, which was highly in favor of the work and methods pursued, has doubtless strengthened the side of the committee. Hence, after a thorough consideration, the committee on agriculture, with only one dissenter, reported an appropriation of $180,000 With the temporary amount of $20,000, which was given early in the session, to prevent the work from stopping, this will make the full $200,000 asked for by the authorities. If the state is to follow the advice of the authorities from this time on, the end will be reached in a few years. But such pests as the San Jose scale people may take care of on their own hook.

Last November George Fred Williams was candidate for governor of three parties. Some voters put their X against his name every time they found it. Hence Representative Lewis of Framingham, who is a Williams man on the Democratic state committee, put in a bill providing that if such voting occurred, it should not invalidate the vote for governor. The committee on election laws heard the arguments, but reported leave to withdraw on the petition. This is good sense, for the instructions to voters are plain and easy, and a man who is qualified to vote ought to be able to read them.

Never since the Tewksbury almshouse investigation by Gen. Butler has there been more public interest in a committee hearing at the state house than at that hearing before the committee on public health on Wednesday on the bill to regulate the practice of physicians so as to exclude Christian scientists, faith healers, and others who have not had some study of medicine. Men and women in great crowds filled to overflowing the largest committee room which could be obtained, and blocked the entire broad corridor before the door. The arguments on the two sides of the question are the same as were so familiar before any law was passed at all to require some degree of medical proficiency before one was allowed to practice. There is, on the one hand, the danger to the public from allowing ignorant persons to practice; professional requirements are necessary, as in law and theology. Otherwise poor people will be the victims of quacks and charlatans. The other side is that people ought to be allowed to call in any physician they please, and if they prefer to risk their lives with ignorant doctors, they ought to be permitted to do so. It is also said that a regulation bill plays into the hands and pockets of the professionals by forbidding the public to employ other people. The present law proves that the state thinks it necessary to draw some sort of line. Shall it be drawn closer? That is the question.

It is amazing to see what throngs of people come to the state house on public business. On Wednesday there were actually several thousand interested persons before the different committees. There were 22 committee hearings, and not many short of 1000 were at the doctors' hearing alone. The people bring business to the state house every year in large quantity, which those who bring it are sure is essential to the good of the state. Much of it really becomes law and so our people get ahead faster than in the states where they have less attention to the people's interest as a body politic. This bears on the question of biennial elections and sessions, as the acute mind does not need to have pointed.

There is a stubborn fight in the House, led by Mr. Myers of Cambridge, to compel the amendment of the Boston and Maine bill so as to protect the rights of the people, but the end has not been reached yet. The bill is not a safe one to pass, in the opinion of many of the House, but they are a minority. Mr Myers deserves much credit for an uphill fight.

Mr. Kenefick of Palmer took a hand for the bill to permit the licensing of lunch wagons, but it was amended so much out of shape that almost nobody cared to vote for it finally, and it was killed, 13 to 78. LANDON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Fresh spinach, dandelions, radishes and lettuce at Thompson's market.

Communications intended for publication must be handed in by noon of Wednesday, in order to insure appearance on the following Friday.

PALMER NEWS.

ABOUT COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

Much of Interest Regarding Them Learned at the Farmers' Institute.

The third farmers' institute of the season, under the auspices of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society, was held in the district court room Tuesday afternoon. Quite a number of farmers from this and the neighboring towns were present, and all manifested much interest in the subject under discussion, which was "Fertilizers—when, what and how to buy and use." President Norcross presided, and in his opening remarks said that the subject was one closely connected with the success of the farmer. A number of years ago not much attention was paid to fertilizing the soil, but in recent years it has been found an essential to good crops, and in consequence many manufactories of fertilizers have developed and the market is crowded with many kinds. In his opinion, many of them were worthless and the money spent in purchasing them was thrown away. To learn the good from the bad was the purpose for which they had come to the institute. He then introduced the speaker, Prof. H J. Wheeler, chemist at the Rhode Island agricultural experiment station. Mr. Wheeler stated that he wished to make the gathering an informal one, and would be pleased to answer questions which might be asked by those present. This invitation was taken advantage of and most of the time was spent in this way. Many questions as to the kind of fertilizers for land of various natures, the method and time of application, were asked, and were answered by the speaker in a manner direct to the point and productive of much valuable information to all. The speaker did not advocate the buying of commercial fertilizers and not using those made in natural process on the farm; these should not be neglected. Stable manure is an excellent fertilizer, and it should be applied to the land as soon as secured, otherwise many of its beneficial ingredients will be lost. Various kinds of commercial fertilizers were then discussed and samples shown. The way to buy commercial fertilizers, the speaker said, is for the farmers to purchase in unison. They can be than bought very much cheaper. A practical farmer can mix the various kinds, if he is a practical farmer, and if this cannot be done, it can be mixed at the factory at little cost. Granges in many places have done this and have demonstrated that it pays to unite in making these purchases, rather than for the individual farmer to buy on his own hook. Mr. Wheeler kindly offered to send bulletins of the various kinds of fertilizers, containing formulas for mixing, etc., to all who would give him their adderss, and nearly all availed themselves of the offer. From the speaker's remarks, the questions asked and answered, much information was gleaned and the session proved a profitable one to all.

His Face Badly Disfigured.

A well-known Bondsville man has been confined to the house and to his bed all this week as the result of trouble which he got into early Sunday moruing. In company with several others he had been spending the night at the house of a man who lives in South Belchertown. It was probably after two o'clock when he and his companions left for home. About three o'clock Dr. Smith was aroused by someone at the door, and found the man and a companion, but the latter ran away before the doctor could see who he was. The injured man was found to be very badly bruised and cut up about the head and body, it being necessary to take several stitches to close some of the cuts on his face. He told Officer Shumway that he had been assaulted, and gave the names of the men who were with him at the time. The officer made an investigation of the affair with the result that yesterday, assisted by Officer Frank Wright of Belchertown, he arrested three men for assault. Two of them live in Bondsville and the other in Three Rivers. They were taken to Northampton but were quickly released on bail. The date of the trial has been set for next Tuesday. The arrested men and their friends claim that no assault was made, and that the man was injured by falling down on the frozen ground; but it hardly seems possible that a man could be so severely hurt by falling. It is hardly necessary to state that liquor was at the bottom of the affair.

Charged With Illegal Use of the Mails.

A. L. Hills, ticket seller at the union passenger station, was arrested last Saturday morning by a United States marshal from Boston, on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails. He was taken to Springfield before United States Commissioner John L. Rice, pleaded not guilty, and furnished $500 bonds for his appearance for a hearing to-day, when a plea of not guilty was entered and he was bound over to the grand jury, the bonds being the same.

Matter of this kind has been going through the local office for some time, and recently complaints have been numerous. A post office inspector finally found a letter which had been sent a young woman of the place and, tracing its origin to Mr. Hills, caused his arrest for sending it through the mail. This Mr. Hills emphatically denies. He admits that he wrote the letter on his typewriter at the request of another person, making a copy of manuscript given him, but had no knowledge of what use was to be made of it, and did not know what had been done with it or where it was until shown it the day of his arrest. Mr. Hills denies mailing it, and unless this can be proved against him it is difficult to see what can be done with the case. He has a large circle of friends who are loth to believe him guilty of the act as charged, and look to see him discharged ultimately.

Burglars at Bondsville.

The Boston and Albany railroad station at Bondsville was broken into by burglars last Sunday night. The thieves gained entrance by prying up one of the windows in the south waiting room, and then forced open the door of the office. The money drawer and ticket case were forced open and the safe, which was unlocked, was opened and the iron cash box removed and smashed. The thieves were not very well paid for their work, as they only secured about three dollars in pennies. A mileage book was also taken, but was found Monday morning on South Main street, where it had been dropped or thrown away, and was returned to Station Agent Knowlton This is the third time in about seven years that the station has been broken into, the last time being about two years ago, when the thieves operated in the same manner. Both robberies were evidently committed by the same parties. The car house at the Boston and Maine depot was also entered Sunday night, and it is probable that tools were taken from there with which to enter the other place.

The Journal's Premium Offer.

Don't forget that the JOURNAL'S premium offer is still good, and will remain so until the first of April. Any person not now a subscriber to the paper can have it 15 months for $1.75, the price of a year's subscription. The JOURNAL is giving every week a large amount of local news,—news from all sections of Palmer and the neighboring towns,—gathered by its own special correspondents in each place, and will keep you thoroughly posted on what is going on in your own and the neighboring towns. Fine half-tone pictures of local persons and places are a part of the paper every week, and cannot fail to be interesting. They are the highest gradeof work known in the illustrating line, and are reproductions from photographs, nearly all being taken expressly for the JOURNAL. Remember that if you are not now a subscriber to the paper you can have it three months free. Now is a good time to send in your order.

A Wedding of Interest to Palmer People.

Many Palmer people will remember L C Strickland, a native and for a considerable time a resident of the town, now of New Haven. His daughter was married on Feb. 24th, and the *Leader* of that city gives the following account of the wedding:

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo C. Strickland, when their only daughter, Miss Minnie Louise, was married to Mr. Frederick Allen Kendrick. The rooms were tastefully decorated with palms and cut flowers. The bridal party entered from the rear parlor, proceeding through a ribbon aisle to the end of the music room, where a floral bower had been arranged, forming a most attractive altar. Miss Alexina Kendrick, the five-years-old sister of the groom, led the procession, wearing white mousseline and carrying a basket of flowers. The ushers, Mr. Frederick Derby of Schenectady, N. Y., and Mr Albert Thompson of New Haven, a cousin of the bride, came next, followed by the attendants of honor of the bride and groom. Mrs. Charles Pfaltz of New York was maid of honor, and wore an exquisite gown of pale blue satin ornamented with pearl trimming, and Mr William Ives Bradley of New Haven was best man. The bride was attired in a superb gown of ivory satin duchesse, garnished with point lace and pearl trimming, and wore a veil of tulle caught on her head with orange blossoms. An item of interest centered in the veil, it being the one worn by her grandmother over sixty-five years ago Mr. William Madison of Boston presided at the piano, and during the evening the Maiola Mandolin Club furnished selections. After the ceremony an informal reception was held, at which Stewart catered. Miss Strickland has been truly rated one of New Haven's prettiest girls, and her charming manner has won her a host of friends She was one of the honor girls in her class at graduation from the high school, and is a most accomplished young lady. Mr. Kendrick is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. A W. Kendrick of New Haven, and his many friends both in this and other cities are true evidence of his upright character and sterling worth. He is a thorough business man, and occupies the position of manager of the New York office of D. Appleton & Co. Many handsome gifts were received, among them being several substantial checks, and hosts of good wishes attended the young couple.

Found Dead in Bed.

Mrs. Kate Callahan, an aged Irish woman who made her home with Mrs. Griffin on High street in Boudsville, was found dead in her room Sunday morning. It was thought she died about 8 o'clock Saturday evening, heart trouble being the cause. She was in nearly destitute circumstances, getting a scant living by doing a few washings. Only a few pennies were found among her effects. The body was buried Monday morning

A Guess Picture Next Week.

Next week the JOURNAL will print a snapshot picture of two well-known business men as they appeared on Main street recently, and will give a three-months' subscription to the JOURNAL to the first person who makes a correct guess as to the identity of both. You all know the men—see if you can guess who they are.

Communion will be observed at the churches next Sunday morning.

The school committee met this afternoon and closed up its year's work.

W. F. Waite has resigned his position as clerk in Stone's general store.

Misses Ella and Elizabeth Henighan spent Sunday with friends in Mouson.

The trustees of the epileptic hospital held a meeting at that institution yesterday.

Mrs. Edward Pard of Adams has been visiting her son, P. E. Bard, the past week.

E. E. Brooks will leave to-morrow for a visit in Worcester, Boston, and other places.

Mrs. Boorman has purchased a part of C. W. Johnson's farm below Foskit's mills.

Mrs. C. A. Atwood has been called to her home in Vermont by the illness of her mother.

Rev. O. G Petrie is to address a rally of the Y P. C. U. in Worcester next Tuesday afternoon.

The Dorcas Society will meet in the parlors of the Universalist church next Wednesday afternoon.

G T. Fletcher, agent for the state board of education, visited the schools in this village Wednesday.

Clerk of Courts Arthur E. Fitch attended a meeting of district court clerks in Boston Wednesday.

The Mother's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. L. E. Chandler next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Arthur Coates of Springfield spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Finnerty.

Miss Lizzie Wassum of Springfield was the guest of Miss Harriet Paine a few days the first of the week.

Rev. Harry Blackford of Monson will preach in the chapel of the Universalist church next Wednesday evening.

The Anglomaniacs will meet next Friday evening in the reference room of the library building. They will read Henry V.

Rev. C. R. Miuard will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday morning. His topic will be "How to become holy."

Mrs. Howard Clark of Longmeadow is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barnes on Pleasant street.

The meetings of the Salvation Army have been largely attended this week. Last evening a meeting was held for men only.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Taylor and son, Harold, attended a party at the home of Mrs Taylor's mother in East Hartford Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sumner and son George have moved from Northboro to this village. They were former residents here.

Miss Nettie Coleman is enjoying a short respite from her duties in the store of D. L. Bodfish and is visiting friends in New London.

G. S. Holden of Palmer and John Keefe of Thorndike have been drawn as jurors for the march sittings of the superior court, civil side.

Charles Roblee, manager of the New England Realty Company, gave an address at Deerfield Saturday in the interests of the company.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomson of Hartford, Ct., visited at the home of E B. Taylor this week. They left yesterday afternoon for Tennessee.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will hold a business meeting and social in the parlors of the Universalist church Tuesday evening.

Henry Sherman and Frank Cook, young men who have been employed at the carpet mill, went to Boston Monday to enlist in Uncle Sam's navy.

These letters are advertised as unclaimed at the post office: A. O. Brooks, Theodore Couture, George Daniels, H. C. Lee, P. H. Perry, John Wright.

W. F. Waite has invented a medicine specialty, something new and novel, which promises good results, which he will soon place upon the market.

Asa Williams was arrested last evening by Officer Eastman for drunkenness. He pleaded guilty in court this morning and was fined $5, which was paid.

The Republicans will hold a caucus in the town house at Four Corners next Thursday evening at 7 30 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates for town offices.

Mrs. J. C. Wing's Sunday school class of girls in the Congregational church, and Mrs. G. H. Wilkins's class of boys are to be entertained by their teachers at Mrs Wing's residence this evening.

The hour of the monthly meeting of the Men's Sunday Evening Club of the Congregational church has been changed from 5 o'clock to directly after the evening service the first Sunday of the mouth.

A New London Northern brakeman injured his hand while coupling cars at Belchertown Friday evening. On the arrival of the train in Palmer he was attended by Dr. J. P. Schneider.

The sleeping rooms and dining room of the Converse House are being papered and painted. The popularity of this house is due to the attentions paid by Landlord Pierce to the comfort of his guests, of which this is but one of many.

The sixth sermon in the series upon "The Making of a Man," by Rev. O. G. Petrie, will be given in the Universalist church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The subject will be "Moses and the prophets, or the ministry of books."

The Salvation Army band will hold a meeting in the Baptist church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. There will be no service in the Congregational church in the evening, to allow the people there to attend this meeting. All are invited.

The Lend-a-hand Club of the Congregational church will give a chafing disb supper and cap social in the church parlors next Wednesday evening. Various articles of food will be prepared in the chafing dishes, and supper will be served at 5 o'clock.

Warrants were issued by Clerk of Courts Fitch this week for the arrest of three Wales boys for assault. They have been arrested and will probably appear before the court to-morrow. They are charged with snowballing a party of young girls, injuring some of them seriously.

The funeral of Mrs. Luther Cobb was held from her late home on Converse avenue Saturday afternoon, Rev. F. E Jenkins and Rev. C. R. Minard conducting the services. Music was furnished by the Palmer quartette. The body was placed in the tomb in the Thorndike street cemetery.

Calvin Wheaton of Brimfield was before the court yesterday morning charged with having committed an assault with intent to kill upon Warden Stimson of Brimfield town farm. The case was continued until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to allow the commonwealth time to secure evidence.

A party of 20 young people attended a party at the home of Mrs. Frank Thayer's parents last evening, and enjoyed a very pleasant time. The event was in honor of Mrs. Thayer's birthday. On behalf of those present C. S. Wood, in a well-worded speech presented Mrs. Thayer with a handsome silver cake plate.

A number of youthful hopefuls are making arrangements for a Hi-Henry minstrel show to be given in the near future in Munger's block. A street parade is to be given at noon, and 20 minstrels and one band will be in line. The show is to be heavily advertised, the managers at present being engaged in placing the printing.

Judge McFarland heard the civil case of the Palmer Masonic Hall Association vs. Molloy in the district court Saturday. Damages were awarded the plaintiff, aggregating $100. An appeal was taken. Decision was also given in the famous cow case of Keith vs. Miller, in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of $100.

Adelbert Ferry, the milkman, has a new method of furnishing his customers with milk tickets, known as the coupon system. By this system a coupon is used but once, thus avoiding the use of worn out and soiled milk tickets, which have gone through many hands and pockets, and the change meets with the favor of Mr. Ferry's patrons

"Doc" Alleu closed up the register of his hotel Monday and found that since March 1st of last year he had entertained 612 guests. This number is slightly below that of the previous year. March was the banner month for Mr. Allen's business, when 176 honest and industrious workmen, unfortunately out of employment, were accommodated.

A resident of New York state, visiting in Palmer, expressed surprise last week that Washington's birthday was so little observed in this locality. In New York state the people make a general holiday of it, and flags are flying everywhere, while in Palmer only one flag was seen that day, and that was on a building some distance out of the village.

The first of theseries of lectures under the auspices of the Woman's Tuesday Club will be given at the home of Mrs. J. B. Shaw to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Annie Russell Marble of Worcester is to be the lecturer, and her subject will be "First impulse toward literature; annals and narratives of Virginia and New England."

March, generally noted for its boisterous and rough weather, has appeared upon the scene very gently. Its usual rushing winds and gloomy skies have been absent and spring seems to be approaching. No robins or bluebirds have yet been reported as seen, but numerous bicycles have been seen on Main street and the boys are gambling with marbles.

Last Saturday evening a stranger fell into the window of McGilp's fish market, breaking the glass. He was seen by McGilp, who at once asked that the damage be paid for. He claimed to have been pushed by another, and refused to pay, but after a conversation with Mr. McGilp and Officer Eastman decided otherwise and settled the damage.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach next Sunday morning on "Your child and your religion." The evening service will be held at six o'clock to accommodate those wishing to attend the Salvation Army meeting in the Baptist church. The children of the Sunday school will give a concert entitled "The no-license tree." Everybody is invited.

Owing to the small number present at the entertainment by the Rogers-Grilley company in the chapel of the Universalist church last Saturday evening, the artists thought best not to render their programme. But just as an illustration of their ability each gave a selection, which were enjoyed greatly and made those who had come to the entertainment more disappointed.

The union temperance service in the Congregational church Sunday evening was very largely attended. A very interesting sermon was delivered by Rev. O. G. Petrie of the Universalist church, showing the evils of the saloon in their restraint against the right use of a man's leisure. The sermon will be found in full upon the first page. The Salvation Army band assisted in the musical part of the service, and after its close held a short meeting.

A special meeting of the Congregational church was held last evening, at which the resignation of Rev. F. E. Jenkins was accepted. A committee consisting of Dr. G. H. Wilkins, W. A. Breckenridge and L. H. Gager was appointed to invite the parish to join with them in calling a council. Dea. Breckenridge, O. P. Allen and Dea Hastings were appointed a committee to draft resolutions, which were prepared and accepted. A meeting of the parish will be held next Friday evening at 7 30 o'clock to take action regarding Mr. Jenkins's resignation.

Three Polanders in Three Rivers drank to excess Sunday evening. Officer Manning picked them and they were before the court Monday morning. They gave thir names as Joseph Basch, Frank Krimskea and Alex Siskoneski. All acknowledged their guilt and each paid a fine of $8 Tuesday Frank Young was arrsigned on a like charge and pleaded guilty. The case was continued until Saturday for sentence. John F. Hartnett of Three Rivers appeared Tuesday charged with selling intoxicating liquor to a minor. He pleaded not guilty and the case was continued until Monday.

The Palmer Cemetery Association held its annual meeting in the district court room Monday evening. The reports of the various officers were received and acted upon. The following officers were elected: President, William Merriam; vice president, O. P. Allen; secretary, Mrs. C. J. Holbrook; treasurer, H G. Loomis; trustees, in addition to the above officers, L. E. Chandler, William Breckenridge, E. G. Hastings, C. B. Fiske, William H. Brainerd, Charles Holbrook, F. G. Sedgwick, H. C. Strong, H. W. McGregory, Mrs. L M. Shaw and Mrs. H. E Dewey.

The following business of local interest was transacted at the session of the probate court in Springfield Wednesday: Will allowed in the estate of Parley S. Anderson, late of Mouson, Julia W. Anderson, executrix. Administration granted in the estates of—Emeline Markham, late of Ludlow, Chauncey E. Peck administrator; Mary A. E. Wight, late of Holland, Francis Wight administrator. Charles H. Barrows was appointed trustee under the will of Nancy M. Lyon, late of Springfield, to have in charge property of Chalmers Dale, Jr. Guardian's account was allowed in the estate of Harry L. Blanchard of Monson.

The rear wall of the Ware River railroad's round-house has been minus one section since about 10 45 Tuesday night, when a locomotive was backed through it, taking it out completely from the roof to the ground. Workmen from Springfield had been repairing the locomotive, and on the completion of the work attempted to move it back into place. They moved it all right, but claim that the throttle stuck and could not be closed. The falling bricks made a terrible noise in the stillness of the night, and nearby residents were roused from peaceful slumbers with visions of an earthquake, but soon found that there were no serious consequences—for them.

The selectmen held their last meeting of the town year in their room at the library building Monday afternoon. The usual routine business was transacted and the books closed Four petitions were received for the laying out of streets, with the view of having them accepted by the town. The following are the streets: The street in Bondsville known as Pine avenue, Squier street, Highland avenue, and the street off South Main street in front of the residence of C E. Fuller in this village. A hearing will be held regarding the Bondsville street in that village Monday. The hearing concerning the laying out of Squier street and Highland avenue will be held at the corner of those streets Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and the hearing for the other street will be held at 11 o'clock on the same morning. The selectmen are now at work upon the town report, and the copy will be placed in the hands of the printers the first of next week.

A social was held in the chapel of the Universalist church Tuesday evening, supper being served by Mrs. H. D Converse, Mrs. E. A. Gunn and Mrs. F. N Carpenter. An entertainment followed, with vocal solos by Mrs. Rufus Flynt and piano solos by Miss Annie Fish. A pleasing feature, and one from which great enjoyment was derived, was the auctioning of parcels and packages done up in various ways and sizes, the contents of which were unknown to the bidders. Some of them brought a good price, and it was great fun to watch the look of anxiety on the faces of the buyers as they undid the bundles and learned their contents. One bundle, which looked as though it might contain something very fine and was labeled "A Man's Delight," caused great competition among the buyers and the price was run up to $1 57, when it was sold. Upon opening it, nothing but a clay pipe was found.

Arnold Bumstead, formerly a well-known resident of Monson, died very suddenly at Atlanta, Ga., on Feb. 23d, aged 74 years and one month. He was descended from one of the oldest families in this state; his forefathers settled in Boston in 1630 His grandfather, Jeremiah Bumstead, settled in Wilbraham about 1750, and married Hannah Bliss. Old residents of that town will recall stories told by their forefathers of the stern piety and grim humor of old Deacon Bumstead. His father, Joseph, one of four brothers, settled in Monson in the early part of this century, where he was born and lived for nearly forty years. He removed to Springfield in the early sixties, in which city he was very successful in business, retiring about 1880 and removing to Atlanta, Ga., where his only son had settled. The old residents of Mouson, Palmer, and all surrounding towns will regret to hear of his death. A cousin, Mrs. Frank Eager, is one of our townswomeu.

C. C. Hitchcock and Co. opened their new store in the Nassowanno block Friday. On that day, Saturday and Monday they served coffee and cereal to visitors, and were assisted in this work by Misses Georgia Packard and Hattie Coleman. The new firm realizes, as it states, that in the natural development of trade the retailer is confronted by one of two alternatives: He must either be content to be crowded into a corner, with a very restricted trade, or he must branch out and place himself in a position to be able to distribute his wares in a very large way, the latter in order to compete successfully with the large city stores. It is becoming more and more the demand of the times that the cost of distributing merchandise be reduced to a minimum. One solution of this problem is that the retailer become the wholesaler, in that the bulk of his stock be obtained direct from the manufacturer without intermediate profit. The reason the new firm has located in Palmer is because it saw a call here for another progressive store, and when the electric railway facilities come, such a store would find a reasonable patronage without overcrowding.

THORNDIKE.

D. F. Sullivan of Millbury spent Sunday in town.

Joseph Riley spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs George Pay of Springfield.

William Sargent of Springfield spent Sunday with his parents in town.

Mrs. M. Welch of Taunton, formerly of this place, has moved back to town.

P. J. Sullivan will soon leave town to take a position with the Chicago Portrait Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Grigware of Chicago, formerly of this town, are visiting Mrs. St John

Miss Georgianna Lefanier of Ware was the guest of Miss Mary A. Bushman a few days this week.

Miss Lizzie Russell of Fitchburg, formerly of this town, is visiting Misses Ellen and Jennie Hutchinson.

Peter Langervain, who has been conducting the hair dressing rooms in Union House block, has gone to Ware to work.

Fred Edwards, who has been absent from home for several months, being in the employ of a photo copying concern, is visiting here for a while.

James M. Sullivan, formerly of this place, has, with Jack Rose of New York, purchased the franchise of the Bristol baseball club and will remove the team to Danbury, Ct.

The help in No. 1 mill were given an unexpected half holiday on Monday by the breaking of the main shaft in the spinning room. They have been working extra to make up the lost time.

T. J. Clifford is the possessor of the gloves worn by "Dan" Murphy in the contest with "Tommie" West of Boston, which event took place the 27th of last month. Murphy is champion of Connecticut.

Mrs. Lucy M. Knowlton celebrated her 82d birthday last Saturday. She had many letters in the morning from friends out of town, and in the afternoon over 30 friends took tea with her. She was remembered with a nice book and other gifts.

THREE RIVERS.

Rev. Edwin S. Rivard preached in Union, Ct., last Sunday.

The trolley wire for the electric road was put up Thursday.

Miss Eva Lucas of Westminster is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Hattie Dalrymple.

Mrs. Fred Burlingame of Springfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Story.

A union temperance concert will be held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening at 7 30 o'clock.

A 'bus load of people went to Palmer on Tuesday evening to attend the meeting of the Salvation Army.

James J. Stuart, overseer in the spinning department of the Palmer Mill, has resigned his position, taking effect to-morrow.

The Young Men's Athletic Club room near the dwelling place of C. S. Ruggles will be the voting place for this precinct (C)

The Palmer Mill office has received a new coat of paint. This is the third time within a year that this building has changed colors.

The amateur photographers' stereopticon entertainment, which was given in the Union church last week, was by request given in Ware Wednesday of this week.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by Mr E A. Thomas at 10 45 a. m. At 7 p. m. there will be a temperance concert under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

John Harinett of this place was before the district court on Wednesday charged with selling intoxicating liquors to a minor. He pleaded not guilty, and the case will be taken up next Monday.

Mr. Frank W. Smith of Boston, who so delighted his audience with his great war lecture, "In and out of Andersonville," will give his second lecture, "Mixed candies, or under which flag?" in the Baptist church next Tuesday night.

Prof. George W. Blish of Boston gave a very interesting entertainment consisting of humorous, pathetic and dramatic readings, in the Baptist church on Tuesday evening His ability in handling the different dialects is truly wonderful, enabling him to give the best entertainment in this place so far this season.

There will be an auction on Baptist Hill next Wednesday, at 10 a m., when the farm formerly belonging to Mrs Eliza M. Orcutt, cousisting of pasturage, an orchard containing two hundred fine fruit trees, tillable, mowing and woodland, five head of cattle, a horse, farming tools, household furniture, etc., will be offered for sale.

Rev. A. S. Gumbart, D. D., who was to have lectured in the Baptist church on Feb. 15th, was obliged to cancel his engagement. A substitute has been found in Frank W. Smith of Boston, who will lecture next Wednesday evening. Mr. Smith needs no introduction to the people of the place, as he has lectured here twice before within a year.

HONDSVILLE.

Mrs A B Hall of Lowell is visiting her daughter, Mrs E G. Childs.

W. E Brown has moved into the house of B D Parsons on High street.

Mrs. Charles Barnett visited her former home in Ludlow over Sunday.

F E. Davis moved his family and household goods to Enfield this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M Bolter of Holyoke are visiting Mrs Joslyn a few days.

Rev. R E Smith will preach a temperance sermon at Indian Orchard Sunday evening.

Miss Agnes Carmody, who has been visiting her parents, has returned to Springfield.

Mrs. J. J O'Connor of Springfield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Landers, this week.

Miss Hattie Golden of West Ware was the guest of her sister, Mrs. E E. Sharratt, over Sunday.

Miss Mignon Fuller of Palmer was the guest of her friend, Miss Florence Bond, over Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Woodard is ill, and is being cared for by her sister, Miss Sadie Bardsley of Biddeford, Me.

P. J Keyes has placed a new upright piano from Taylor's Music House, Springfield, in the hotel this week.

H. M. Sedgwick of New Haven made a brief visit with his father, Mr. B. Sedgwick, the first of the week.

Mrs. E. F. Stone left last Saturday for Portland, Me., where she will spend a few months with relatives.

Edward Landers of Indian Orchard is doing a job of painting and papering on Lawrence Sullivan's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collis of Pelham and William Morse of Ludlow visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collis Wednesday.

Bluebirds and robins have been seen around the village during the past week, indications that spring is on the way.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hayes are receiving congratulations on the birth of a grandson, Ralph Hayes Hillman, at Northampton last week.

A party of about twenty-five young people gave a surprise party to Will Davis last Friday evening and spent a very pleasant time playing games, etc.

It must be fair sleighing outside of the village, judging from the number of people coming into town with sleighs. There is scarcely any snow in the village.

A lady from the Pacific coast, passing through this village on her way to North Dana this week, displayed a Klondike nugget of pure gold weighing over two ounces and valued at $41 50

The new sidewalk on South Main street has been buried under the snow all winter, and is just beginning to become visible. It seems too bad that when we get a good walk it cannot be kept clear of snow.

About a dozen Polanders have arrived in the village the past week direct from the old country. If they keep coming during the next year as they have in the past, there will not be much of any one else in town.

Rev. R. E Smith will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church next Wednesday evening at 7 45. Subject, "Courtship and marriage." Admission will be free, but a collection will be taken at the close of the lecture for benevolent purposes.

Charles F. Evans has resigned his position in the machine shop of the Boston Duck Co., and has taken a position with the American Bolt Co. of Lowell. H. A. Stevens, formerly master mechanic for the Boston Duck Co., is also employed by the American Bolt Co.

YOU LIKE GOOD THINGS TO EAT?

Buckwheat Cakes the Way "Mother Used to Make 'Em."

"What are we living for?" shouted the orator in the midst of an impassioned speech. "To eat," replied a big, jolly looking man, who sat in one of the front seats busily engaged in eating peanuts, and a roar of laughter followed the remark. His reply was quite apt but hardly correct. We should not live to eat, but rather the reverse,—eat to live. But then, there is some excuse for that man's remark. Eating is certainly a pleasure, and it is one of those whose anticipation and realization are very alluring. We all like good things and have our favorite dishes. Many of them we learned to like when very young, and we still possess a fondness for them. We remember how mother used to make them, how fine they tasted, and many a poor wife has tired herself out in unsuccessful attempts to cook and make eatables as someone's mother was wont to do. Remember those griddle cakes that mother used to make? Well, I guess! Those great, big, buckwheat cakes. We can see them now as she used to take them steaming hot from the griddiron and place them upon our plates. They were fine, and some of them would go "right to the spot." Speaking of griddle cakes affords us opportunity to stute that Grocer J. F. Foley has some very nice buckwheat flour, which will make griddles "just like mother's." The flour is carefully prepared from buckwheat grown in the rich and fertile soil of the Mohawk valley, and is far above any sold in Palmer for a long time. By judicious purchasing Mr. Foley is enabled to offer this flour at a low price—10 pounds for 35 cents. Syrup is almost an essential to good griddle cakes, and in this connection we would recommend that popular Golden Drip Syrup, made from the drippings of granulated sugar, which Mr. Foley handles. He has just received a new consignment of the syrup, and will sell a gallon jugful, and the jug, for 26 cents.

For the Public Good.

In another part of this paper appears an advertisement worthy the reading, as it's for the public good. It tells of a free distribution of Doan's Kidney Pills, a remedy for Kidney Ills. Read it and call at C. A. LeGro's, druggist, Palmer, Mass.

DIED.

In Bondsville, 27th ult., Mrs. Kate Callahan.
In Monson, 27th ult, Charles Carpenter, 89.
In Atlanta, Ga., 23d ult., Arnold Bumstead, 74, formerly of Monson.

MARRIED.

In Belchertown, 24th ult., by Rev. G. W. Locke, Roland Winslow Meyers of Rutherford, N. Y., and Alice Mabel Barnes of Amherst.
In Enfield, 26th ult., by Rev. William Ferguson, Amos Clark and Mrs. Amanda Overing, both of Belchertown.

TWO new milch cows for sale. 49-1 C. C. KEEP, Monson.

TENEMENT to rent. 49-t F. D. BEACH, Monson.

TO RENT.—The Harris house on Pleasant street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 30-tf

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. 44-tf Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

SEWING Machine Needles and Oil for sale by D. MULVIHILL, Caryl's block, Palmer.

TO RENT.—Paint Shop and blacksmith shop, South Main street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 12-tf

FARM FOR SALE—on road from Thorndike to Boudsville. New buildings, story and half house, 7 rooms. Barn 30 x 35, out buildings and 35 acres land, part

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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 4, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Business Association a Permanent Organization.

The third meeting of the Business Association was held in Memorial Hall Monday night, 26 being present. It was decided to make the association a permanent organization. It was voted to adopt the constitution and by-laws as presented by the committee appointed for that purpose the week before. The following officers were elected: President, A. D. Norcross; vice president, W. A. Squier; secretary, George L. Fuller; treasurer, Frank E. Morris. A committee of ten was also appointed, consisting of R. H. Cushman, E J Foskit, H. M. Smith. F. E Morris, J. H. Thompson, G C. Flynt, G. L Fuller, F Q Ball, O. C. McCray and Harrison Howe, to make a canvas to increase the membership as much as possible before the next meeting, next Tuesday evening. A great many have the idea that none but business men are expected to join this association, but any voter in the town of Monson is eligible to membership, and it is hoped that every man who has the best interests of the town at heart will become a member.

Death of an Old Resident.

Charles Carpenter, 89, one of Monson's oldest residents, died very suddenly at his home on High street Sunday morning about 10 o'clock. Up to a few months ago he had been able to be out of doors, and was considered unusually active for one of his age, and since he has been confined to his house he has been able to be up. Mr Carpenter was born August 15th, 1808, on what is known as the Hovey place in the west part of the town, and has lived all his life in Monson, the greater part of it being spent as a farmer on East Hill until about twelve years ago, when he moved into the village. He was a member of the Congregational church. December 30th, 1835, he was married to Miss Lucy Keep, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. Ely. She died February 11th, 1881, and on September 20th, 1882, he was again married to Harriet E Blodgett of Peekskill, N. Y., the ceremony being performed at Port Chester, N. Y. He leaves, besides a widow, two children, Joseph, who conducts a farm on East Hill, and Emma, who is at home, also a brother Daniel, of East Hill. The funeral was held at his late residence Tuesday afternoon at 2.30, Rev. F. S. Hatch officiating.

Mrs. W. S. Dunham is visiting friends in Ware.

The public schools closed to-day for the spring vacation.

A. N. Gaoutette has been in Boston this week on a business trip

William Meacham, Jr, and E. R. Bates have been drawn as jurors.

A social dance is to be given at the house of L. M Pease this evening.

Foz & Walker have taken the agency for the Sterling and Eagle bicycles.

The Monson Cycle League will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night.

Marcus Keep post, G. A. R, will hold its regular meeting next Monday evening.

Sebastman Horace D. Moulton has been in New York this week on a business trip

The Woman's Relief Corps will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday night.

Miss Annie F. Adams of Barre is visiting at Mrs. L. H. White's on Main street.

Miss Esther Holmes gave a whist party Monday evening to a few of her friends.

A number of young men will hold a social dance in Stonecutters' Hall this evening.

Several young men of this place attended a dance given at Ware Wednesday night.

Miss L I Williams expects to attend the millinery openings in New York next week.

Alvin R Falkins has returned from a three-months' visit to his old home in Nova Scotia.

The South Circle of King's Daughters will meet with Miss Hattie Orcutt this evening at 7.30.

Arthur Severy of Chicopee Falls spent Sunday with his brother, Frank E. Severy.

The regular meeting of A. A. Gage camp, Sons of Veterans, will be held next Tuesday evening.

The Academy sociable, which has twice been postponed, has been appointed for this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N Graves gave a whist party to a few of their friends Tuesday evening.

The Windsor Club is planning to hold a whist party next Thursday night at their club rooms.

Mrs. C. L Gould and son are spending a month at Mrs. Gould's old home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

C. B. Frissell of Hinsdale, a former student of Monson Academy, spent Sunday with Charles P. Dow.

Miss Ida Colton, who has been spending the past few weeks with Mrs. G. H. Newton, has returned to Palmer.

Ralph Clifford is in the West on a business trip, and it is possible that he may return with a carload of horses

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King of Worcester spent Sunday with Mr. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. King.

Horace D. Moulton has several teams engaged in hauling ties and poles for the new electric railroad in Palmer.

Fred Bissell of Union, Ct., a graduate of Monson Academy, was in town this week renewing old acquaintances.

A. A Babbitt, who was confined to the house for a week with rheumatism, is able to be at his place of business again.

Arthur H. Orcutt and Charles Entwistle attend a masquerade ball at Spencer this evening, given by the Odd Fellows.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D Norcross had a narrow escape Wednesday forenoon from being run over by a team.

The special train will not be run to Palmer next Monday after the Amherst College glee club entertainment, as was expected.

Harry L. Needham has severed his connection with the Lozier Manufacturing Company of Westfield, and returned home.

A drama will be given in Memorial Hall March 17th under the auspices of the St. Patrick's church society, the parts to be taken by local talent.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Monson Free Library and Reading Room Association will be held at the library next Monday evening at 7.30.

Mrs David Anderson is visiting at H. M. Barlow's. Mrs. Anderson has been living for some months with relatives at Chicopee, but keeps her home at North Monson.

At the meeting of the Saus Souci club at Miss Ethel Rood's Monday evening these officers were elected: President, Miss Gertrude Bennett; secretary, Miss Effie Aldrich; treasurer, Miss Mary Hobbs.

John Aldrich, son of Edward Aldrich of this place, and Miss Elizabeth Day of Norwich, were married in Norwich Tuesday evening. Mrs. Edgar Squier, Mrs. William Peck and Mrs. Edward Aldrich attended the wedding from here

There will be a preaching service in the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject, "Heredity and personality." The fourth quarterly conference will be held Thursday, March 10th, by Presiding Elder Dr. J. O Knowles.

The prizes given by L I Williams & Co. to the ones trading the most at their store between Nov. 1st, '97, and March 1st, '98, have been awarded as follows: First prize, Mrs. George Brooks; second, Mrs. Frank Moore; third, Mary Ann Corish

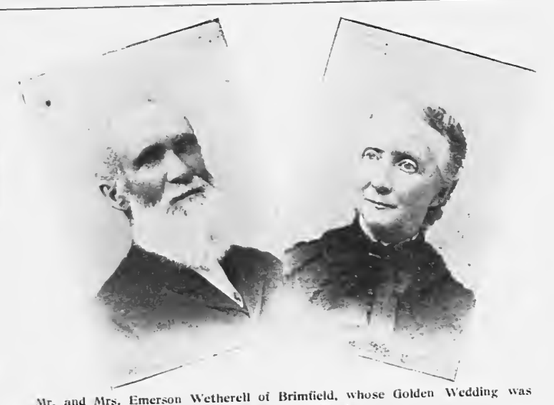
Word was received the first of the week that Mrs. Jane Hill, for many years a resident of Monson, had suffered a shock at her home in Hartford. Mrs. Hill moved to Hartford about two years ago, where she has since been residing with her son.

The colonial supper and entertainment held at the Congregational church Tuesday evening was well attended. The supper was served from 6 to 8 o'clock, and the waiters were attired in old-fashioned costumes. The entertainment was also of the colonial type.

The ice storm of two weeks ago did greater damage than was at first supposed, especially to those in the out districts. One farmer claims that the storm did him nearly $600 damage. Fruit trees were completely ruined, and considerable damage was done in the forests.

Rev. W. R. Newball of Wilbraham preached to a large audience in the Congregational church Thursday evening. Prof. Perry of the Hartford Theological Seminary, will preach next Thursday evening on "John's Revision of Christ." The subject of the Sunday evening discourse will be "Jesus and Philosophy."

The Amherst College Glee, Mandolin and Guitar Clubs make a large and effective combination. They will be heard at Memorial Hall Monday evening with more than usual interest, as their leader, Carl E. Lamson, the organist at the Congregational church, is known to be a thorough and accomplished musician.



Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Wetherell of Brimfield, whose Golden Wedding was Celebrated Last Week.

WILBRAHAM.

L. J. Potter is confined to the house by illness.

Mumps are very prevalent at the Academy, and Philo open society was postponed from Saturday evening on that account.

The public schools closed to-day for a vacation of three weeks, and will reopen March 28th with the same corps of teachers.

Rev. W. R. Newball has been in Boston this week attending a meeting of the Wesleyan Academy alumni endowment committee

Edward E. Pease has resigned as assistant superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school, which position he has held for the past four years. Mr. Pease will soon move to Ludlow.

The selectmen will hold their last meeting of this year at the town clerk's office March 15th, and all bills against the town must be presented before that time, as the books will then be closed and the annual report placed in the hands of the printer, that it may be in readiness for the annual town meeting.

The following officers were elected at the fourth quarterly conference of the Memorial Methodist church: Trustees, R. R. Wright, Rev. W. R. Newhall, G. A. Russell, W H. McGuire, James Stevens, Jessie L. Rice, Rev. Lorenzo White and Morrison S. Blodgett; stewards, Rev. F. M Austin, George A. Russell, R. R. Wright, W. H McGuire, W. H. McGuire, Jr., J. Stephens, C. W. Black, Rev. W. F. Gibson, M. S. Bodgett, H. H. Barbank and A. M. Gates; treasurer, W. H. McGuire, Jr.

WARE.

The advance sale of tickets for the Amherst College glee, mandolin and banjo club entertainment Monday night has been good. The Monson Cycle League, under whose auspices the club comes, hopes to clear a good sum on this entertainment, which will go towards building good roads or a cycle path between Monson and Palmer, an object which every cyclist is interested in.

The Gilbert & Parker Mfg. Co of Springfield is putting in a new system of lighting in Memorial Hall. They have already put in an automatic mixer, and are now putting on the Welsbach and the fish tail burners. The system is considered as good as the electric light, and gives a much evener and smoother light The old way consumed five feet of gas an hour, giving only a ten-candle power light, while this system consumes only about 2½ feet of gas an hour and give s a forty-candle power light. It is also free from smoke.

Arrangements are being made for a series of four special services to be held at the Universalist church during the Lenten season The first will be next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, and the speaker will be Rev. M. H Harris, D D, of Worcester. The next will be Monday evening, March 14th, and the speaker will be Rev. Charles H. Puffer of Salem. The dates and speakers for the other two services have not been fully arranged yet, but will be announced later. Similar services have been held at the church for the past few years and have been very interesting and instructing

Next Tuesday is to be observed at the Academy as "public day" While visitors are always welcome, this day has been set apart as a special day for receiving parents and friends. Only the regular daily program will be carried out, which is as follows: 9 a. m, ethics, Ovid, geometry, chemistry, drawing; 10, physics, Greek lessons, German, Latin lessons, geometry, drawing; 11, physics, Homer, English literature, Cæsar, algebra, chemistry; 1 30 p m, geology, Vergil, Latin lessons, algebra, rhetoric, drawing; 2.20, physics, advanced German, anabasis, rhetoric, drawing; 3 15, physics, modern history, English, English history.

The ninth series of Lenten services, which began last Sunday night at the Congregational church, will be continued each Sunday evening through Lent with the following subjects: March 6th, "Jesus and History;" 13th, "Jesus and science;" 20th, "Jesus and language;" 27th, "Jesus and art;" April 3d, "Jesus and literature." Arrangements have also been made for special services each Thursday evening, with the following speakers: March 10th, "John's vision of Christ," Rev. A. T. Perry; 17th, "His grace not void," Rev. R. C. Swain; 24th, "The good and the best," Rev. E. A. Reed; 31st, "Living by dying," Rev. C. R. Minard.

The Republican town committee has organized with these officers: Chairman, Carlos M. Gage; secretary, Ralph Clifford; treasurer, Lyman C. Flynt. At a meeting Tuesday evening it was voted to hold a caucus on Friday evening, March 25th, for the nomination of candidates to be voted for at the annual town meeting. The town committee will receive petitions from those who wish their names to appear on an Australian ballot, until 7 45 p. m. Tuesday evening, March 22d. All candidates desiring their names on the ballot must be indorsed by ten Republican voters. Petitions may be handed to any member of the committee: C. M Gage, R. Clifford, L. C Flynt, Rufus Fay, R. P. Cushman, C. W. King, W. J. Ricketts, W. J. Tucker and Edward Cushman.

The Current Events Club has arranged for a series of three parlor lectures by Mrs. Annie Russell Marble of Worcester. Mrs. Marble has lectured in Monson for two years and is very popular. This new series of lectures, on "Studies of American literature," has been given in a number of places. The first of the series will be given next Wednesday afternoon at 2 30 at the home of Miss Esther R. Holmes, and will be on "First impulses toward literature; annals and narratives of Virginia and New England." The next will be Tuesday afternoon, March 22d, at the home of Mrs. S. F. Cushman, Jr., the subject being "Early poets and naturalists." The last will be at the home of Mrs G. C. Flynt, Friday afternoon, April 1, "A review of some recent historical novels." Tickets may be obtained of members of the club.

In the town warrant this spring there will be an article in regard to the town accepting the balance of the Park avenue property, which consists of the park in the center of the avenue. At present this park may not be of any great value, but the time will come when, if the trees and grounds are properly taken care of, it will become a beautiful little park. As yet no name has been given the park, and it seems as if the most proper and fitting name that could be given it is Newton Park, in the honor of the late George H. Newton. In fact the whole avenue should have been named Newton avenue instead of Park avenue, and possibly it is not too late to make that change now. At any rate, the park should bear that name. It will be remembered that it was wholly due to the faithful efforts and hard labor of Judge Newton that this almost valueless land was transformed into the valuable property that it now is.

HAMPDEN.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkins of Hudson were guests at Mrs. Lyman Smith's Sunday.

D. O. Pease of Woonsocket, R. I., is spending a vacation with his father, Mortimer Pease.

Mrs. Emily Chapin Scripter, widow of the late Eleazer Scripter, a former resident and woolen manufacturer, died in Hudson on Thursday evening of last week. The body was brought here for burial Saturday.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

Mrs George Lane is quite ill.

Miss Ward of Southbridge, formerly a teacher here, was in the village and visited schools last week.

Business seems to be rushing in the auger shop, as the forgers have to work every night until 9 o'clock.

The school closed Friday with an exceptionally good programme. There were a number that have not been absent nor tardy.

WEST WARREN.

The schools have a vacation of two weeks this month.

Miss Hattie Crossman visited friends in Springfield last week.

The ladies of the M. E. church gave a social and tea meeting at the house of Mrs. J C. Grant Wednesday afternoon.

M. Dickson will soon move out of the village. He has purchased, and will take possession the first of April, a farm on the Brimfield road.

Robert Salie, whose burial took place at Ware Monday, was a former resident of this village. Mr. Salie was in the livery business here for several years, going from here to Worcester. For the past three years he had lived in Quincy, where he died last week Friday.

E H Deady, the ball player, has signed with the Indianapolis team

M. S. Murray, who has been warden at the town farm for the past two years, has resigned

The body of Rev. Gerard Brackett, 89, who died in Saratoga the 22d, was brought here Friday for burial

Edward Richardson, janitor at the library, fell from a step-ladder Monday and severely sprained his ankle

Mrs. Alexander Montgomery fell down stairs last Friday afternoon and sustained a fracture of the right wrist.

Mrs Pierre Cadieux, 33, died Saturday of heart failure. The deceased leaves a husband and nine children. The body was taken to Canada for burial

The debate between the two upper classes of the high school was held Tuesday evening in the town hall and was largely attended. The subject was the annexation of Hawaii, and the subject was well handled by both sides. The judges awarded the decision to the seniors and distributed prizes to the following: G Earle Holmes, Charles H. Fulton, Mabel H. Southworth, Helen C Chute.

Harry, the young son of George Wheeler, had a narrow escape from drowning Friday. He was playing with his dog upon the ice of a pond near his father's farm, when the dog broke through The little fellow tried to get the dog out and in so doing also broke through. The water was not very deep and he managed to keep his head above the surface until a Pole who works on the farm rescued both the boy and dog.

WALES.

The Luther house, which W. Brown is soon to occupy, is undergoing a thorough repairing

Charles Corbin was stricken with a shock Tuesday, which rendered him insensible for three days.

A series of meetings was commenced Tuesday night at the Methodist church, which have been continued through the week. Considerable interest is manifested.

The Fairchild lot, sold by the collector of taxes, was sold to Isaiah Hiscock, and the Ferry lot to Milo Kemp. Other lots will follow unless taxes are paid at once, among which are some owned by people in Palmer, Monson and Stafford.

Spring must have come to stay, as a woman went into the cellar one day this week and found a brown snake perched on her geraniums, which she had packed away for the winter, and the same day her little boy came in with a large grasshopper that he found in the yard.

Henry E Steele celebrated his 64th birthday Wednesday evening in the Baptist vestry with an oyster and baked bean supper which was largely attended The proceeds will go toward repairing the church roof. The time was used in part with an entertainment of music, literary exercises and tableaux.

Moving has commenced early. Three families left town last week. This week has been given to local exchanges. Peter Gadoury has moved into his newly-purchased house on Church street; D. Watrous has moved from Main street to Hegan row in order to get nearer his work; Elijah Harris moves to High street.

WARREN.

Mrs. J. W. Hastings is visiting friends in Boston and vicinity.

The Slater Engine Company has fitted up a tool room in its shop.

The engine house has a new heater, so that steam will be kept up all of the time.

The Christian Endeavor Society netted $12 at its entertainment last Friday evening.

Miss Adelaide Rice of Shrewsbury was the guest of Miss Edith Gleason over Sunday.

The funeral of Miss Johanna Hartnett was held Monday morning; the burial was at Ware.

Mrs. A. M. Hunter of North Adams was the guest of Mrs. Edward Fairbanks last Sabbath.

The Ladies' Society of the Universalist church met with Mrs. Harvey Ellis yesterday afternoon.

German has been added to the curriculum of the high school, and will be taught by Miss Hodgkins.

Miss Alice Canning of Burbank avenue gave a whist party Monday evening in honor of Miss Adelaide Howe of Shrewsbury.

The Parish Auxiliary of the Congregational parish gave a cake and candy sale at the home of Mrs. W. L. Curtis this afternoon.

Owing to a delay in the final adjustment of the insurance papers the acetyline gas plant was not used at the Congregational church Sunday.

The Boston and Albany surveyors have been working on the proposed new driveway from Main street to the new pump shops this week.

Warren Ball of South Warren lost a valuable horse Tuesday. The animal got at some oats and ate a large quantity before he was discovered.

A very pleasant social was held at the house of Mrs. J. W. Chadsey Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society.

Warren Ball, Adelbert Darling and Harlan P Bliss have been drawn for the grand jury which sits the 14th. Lyman A. Powers has been drawn for the county court.

A special business meeting of the Congregational church was held last night and one of the parish society will be held to-night, to act on the resignation of Rev. W. B. Forbush.

Miss Etta Sylvester is at her home on Coy Hill for a week's vacation. Miss Emma Blodgett is spending the week in Washington with the party superintended by Principal Brookings.

The West Brookfield Farmers' Club met at the Warren town farm Wednesday. L. H. Chamberlain was speaker of the day, and Mrs D G Hitchcock and W. L. Day the essayists About 100 were present.

The orchards in South Warren suffered severely from the ice storm last week. One farmer removed about five cords of wood from his orchard. This same section of the town was severely devastated by a hail storm about two years ago.

William J. Whiteside, a long-time resident of the lower village, died Tuesday and the funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock He was a member of the Grand Army, Quaboag lodge of Masons, Royal Arch chapter, and of the Eastern Star.

The Tuesday Club met with Mrs. W. E. Lincoln Tuesday of this week. Mrs. F. W. Kimball was essayist, and the subject was "Early Roman history." After the literary exercises refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed in honor of the tenth anniversary of the club's formation.

BRIMFIELD.

Mr. Hall spent Sunday at his home in Nasbua, N. H

Mrs. George W. Earle is the guest of Mrs. F. D. Lincoln.

The Grangers met as usual at the town hall Tuesday evening.

The missionary meeting held Sunday evening by the Christian Endeavorers was a very interesting one.

The drama which was to have been given at the town hall is postponed on account of the illness of Arthur Davenport.

The common schools closed last Friday until the first of April. There is much disappointment felt at the resignation of Miss Margaret Locks, who has been very successful as a teacher in the Centre school for the past year.

Golden Wedding Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Wetherell were given a surprise party at the home of their daughter on Thursday evening of last week in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and were presented with purses containing gold pieces. Other pleasing features made the event a very happy and memorable one for everyone. Those present were: Mr and Mrs. Agard, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Samantha Brown, Miss Mary Ella Brown, Mrs. Frank Cook, Miss Rebecca Dunham, J Richard Brown, Clarence Brown, Mrs Burns, Miss Mary Burns, Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Thomas Morgan, Mr Chenoy Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Orsa Parker, Mr. David Ellsworth, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Silas Parker, Miss Eunice Sherman, Mr Simon Ward, Mrs. John Wetherell, Mrs. Braman Sibley, Miss Mary Wetherell. Mr. Wetherell was born in Ware in 1824, and was married to Harriet L Griggs in 1848. She was born in 1828 in Brimfield, where they have lived since their marriage. The following poem was written in their honor:

Fifty years of storm and sunshine,
Fifty years of light and shade,
Bringing with them joy and sorrow,
Have to-night their circuit made.

Looking forward in your springtime
Over life's eventful stream,
Fifty years would seem like ages,—
Looking backward—but a dream.

It is well, O aged voyagers!
That you pause awhile to-night
And review time's many changes,
Through the past's dim flickering light.

Many are the shoals and breakers
That your bark's securely passed;
Others foundered in the tempest,
Safely yours rode out at last

When the fog obscured your pathway,
And the sun had ceased to shine,
You had perished unless guided
By the hand that is divine.

Of the children that were given you,
Some to-night are by your side;
One has crossed the stream before you,
Anchored safe beyond the tide.

Those you prize as sons and daughters
Ever near your barks are found,
And with love of childrens' children
Is life's evening richly crowned.

Rarely does it fail to mortals
Happy voyagers still to be,
Who have fifty years together
Sailed on life's tempestuous sea.

You have crossed its silver current,
Gliding to the one of gold;
And to-night, by loving kindness,
You the golden one behold.

Though you are not called to anchor,
Yet you're near the other shore;
Hands that once were strong and steady,
Tremblingly now ply the oar.

Soon, ah soon, some blissful morning,
Or within the hush of night,
You will hear the unseen pilot
Calling out, "There's land in sight"

Watch and pray that you an entrance
To that harbor may be given
That is guarded by the angels,
And is known to us as Heaven.

BELCHERTOWN.

Mrs. H. D. Longley has visited friends in Boston this week

The warrant for the annual town meeting contains 31 articles.

Mrs. John W. Jackson and daughter Ruth are visiting in Springfield

Orson Lane has gone to the hospital in Albany, N. Y., for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. F E Dewey and child are visiting friends in Worcester.

Miss Sosie Hubbard of Thompson, Ct., is visiting at the home of her parents.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Baggs had his leg broken while sliding a few days ago.

Mrs Oliver Shannon has been called to Springfield by the illness of her son, Harry Shannon.

Misses Grace and Edith Towne are visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. G. A. Norton, of Ware.

Miss Ellen Blodgett has bought the house on Maple street owned by the late Miss S. C. Alden for $800.

The last meeting of the board of registrars was held Saturday, and 13 new names added to the list of voters

Amos Clark and Mrs Amanda Overing, both of Belchertown, were married in Enfield Saturday by Rev. William Ferguson.

G. A. Norton of Ware, son-in-law of E. F. Towne of Belchertown, is in very feeble health, and has gone to Walter's sanitarium at Wernersville, Pa.

C. A. Guild and family have gone to Walpole, where they will remain about a month, when Mr Guild expects to return to his position as principal of the high school

Roland Winslow Meyers of Rutherford, N. J., and Miss Alice Mabel Barnes of Amherst were married Thursday afternoon of last week by Rev. G. W. Locke at the home of John Peck on the Enfield road. Only near friends were present.

A meeting of the current events society was held in the chapel Monday evening. The subject was "Cuba," and papers were read by Miss M. E. King, "Wars of Cuba;" Mrs. R L Bridgman, "Political aspects in Cuba;" Miss N. L. Rice, "History of Cuba;" Miss Annie Gibbons, "Cuban generals;" Miss Susie Bridgman, "Commerce of Cuba;" Miss Alice Walker, "Current events"

Mrs William Colton has returned to Florence, where she will make her home.

A horse driven by Paul Shumway took fright on Cemetery Hill Tuesday morning and started at a rather lively pace down the hill. Mr Shumway was accompanied by D C. Woodruff of Springfield, and they were thrown out but received no injuries. The sleigh, which was a 1776 one, was badly smashed The horse continued his speed for a short distance, when he was captured.

Christian Endeavorers Meet.

The quarterly meeting of the local union of Christian Endeavor societies of Amherst and vicinity was held in the Congregational church Friday afternoon and evening of last week. The general topic was "Christian Endeavorers' The afternoon session opened at 4 30 with a devotional service led by Miss Alice Walker of Belchertown, followed by a discussion opened by Robert Cooley of Amherst on "What can the local union do to help and strengthen our society?" A paper was then read by Charles Abbott of Hadley, "What is expected of the social committee by the union?" and Miss Katherine Guernsey of Amherst gave a paper on "What is expected of the local union by the social committee?" A general discussion followed, after which supper was served in the chapel and a social time enjoyed Over 200 members from the different societies were present The evening session opened at 7 with a praise service led by Walter Ross of Belchertown. Wilbur Parrington of Hayd-nville conducted a question box, and a business meeting followed. The report of the lookout committee was read and the banner awarded to the Packardville society. An address was then given by Rev F. M. White of Amherst on "Dreaming and doing." The exercises closed with a consecration service conducted by R K. Jones.

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MRS. CHARLES CARPENTER.

Monson, March 2d, 1898.

CARD OF THANKS.—I wish to express sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many neighbors and friends for their words of sympathy and deeds of kindness in my recent bereavement.

L. C. CODD.

Palmer, March 3d, 1898.

CARD OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Green and family desire to express their sincere gratitude to neighbors and friends for the kindly services and sympathy extended to them during their recent bereavement, and for the many beautiful floral offerings received.

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Stareh, 4 lb. box	35c,	30c
Ammonia, qts.	15c.	10c
Canned Plums	20c,	10c
" Beans	15c,	10c
" Peas	13c,	10c
" Corn	13c,	10c
" Dandelions	15c,	10c
" Roast Beef	25c,	20c
" Pumpkins, 3 cans		25c
5 lb. pkg. Buckwheat,	25c,	23c
Qt bottle Maple Syrup,	25c,	23c
3 lb. box Codfish	25c,	23c

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When Mother Looks.

I 'member such a lot of things
That happened long ago,
When me an' Jim was six years old—
An' now we're ten or so.
But those I remember best—
The ones I most can see—
Are the things that used to happen
When mother looked at me.

One time in church, when me an' Jim
Was snickerin' out loud—
The minister was prayin' an'
The people's heads was bowed—
We had the biggest kind of joke
About a bumblebee,
But things got quiet rather quick
When mother looked at me.

And then there's sometimes when I think
I've had such lots of fun
A-goin' swimmin' with the boys
Down there by Jones's run,
But just when I get back home again—
Just 'bout in time for tea—
There's a kind of differ'nt feeling comes
When mother looks at me.

That time when I was awful sick
An' the doctor shook his head,
An' every time pa come aroun'd
His eyes was wet an' red;
I 'member her hands on my face,
How soft they used to be—
Somehow the pain seemed easier
When mother looked at me.

It's funny how it makes you feel—
I ain't afraid of her.
She's about the nicest person
You'd find most anywhere;
But the queerest sort of feeling,
As queer as queer can be,
Makes everything seem different
When mother looks at me.

—*Anon.*

COMMERCIAL FRUIT-GROWING.

Advice to farmers by J. H. Hale in a lecture before the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Just what fruits one should plant depends upon the farm, upon what the man enjoys, and, to a degree, upon the markets. The Japanese plum, to which much attention is being given, is an early bearer, and is well adapted to our soils. Of our older fruits the apple is the best. It will almost care for itself. It seems to me that our abandoned farms would be well adapted for growing apples for market, especially when we consider the demand of the world for that fruit. We hear much of an "off year" with apples, but this is generally because the trees do not receive the proper treatment. When trees bear heavily they exhaust their vitality and the buds of the next year do not get sufficient nourishment and a small crop is the result. The remedy for this lies in thinning the fruit on the trees.

In cultivating peaches the grower has to be alert to prevent damage to his trees by climatic conditions. East of the Connecticut river peaches may be well grown by carefully studying the conditions, by feeding well, and by giving good frost drainage. It is best to plant on an abrupt knoll so that the frost will drain off quickly.

The markets give liberal returns for high-grade small fruits, but most of the fine canned fruit comes from across the water. I wonder that we have not awakened to the possibility of taking this market for our own.

Another interesting fruit (if so it may be called) is the chestnut. The whole supply brought into the market is gone in six weeks, though people would eat them all winter. Large quantities of nuts are imported every year, but we might replace a good part of the foreign supply by native chestnuts if we could grow larger nuts having the same fine quality. This would be a promising industry for the people of New England.

When you sell the products of your farm you sell a considerable amount of solid material, but you also sell a much larger amount of water—80 per cent to 92 per cent of the whole mass being water. Small peaches will sell for $1 a bushel, but you take the same variety, cultivate thoroughly and give plenty of water, and you will have great peaches that will sell for $5 per bushel. A deep plowing and a thorough pulverization of the soil will make it capable of holding 100 times as much water as before. If you have poor soil for holding water you can try mulching or perhaps irrigating.

The later we can cultivate in the fall the better will the plants winter. For if the leaves fall too soon, the buds swell with the warm weather of the late fall, and then in severe weather are winter-killed. The foliage to be kept in good condition must be occasionally sprayed. Sometimes apple and pear orchards fail to bear fruit because the growth of the plant goes into branches and foliage alone. Such over-vigorous growth can be corrected by root-pruning.

The land in orchards should not be left bare. After fertilization a cover crop should be sown. This will take in the free nitrogen in the air, and when the plants are ploughed under, the soil will be enriched. I use clover as a cover crop. The crop should be sown in August and plowed under early in the spring. This means shallow plowing; deep ploughing is dangerous. A summer cover crop should be sown in early June. Southern cowpea does very well. A grower who pursues this method of green manuring need buy hardly a dollar's worth of high-priced nitrogen. Of other kinds of fertilizer, phosphoric acid and potash are most needed, but in deciding what to use, local conditions will have to be studied. But remember one thing—stable manure must be avoided in orchards.

We hear much of the injurious San Jose scale. But there is one good thing about it; it has scared fruit growers. Men now look over their fruit trees as they never did before, and examine the trees they buy, and as a result the orchards are better cared for. The scale is the one thing which will kill apple trees, and as they have formerly been rather left to themselves, they are now much better off. So the San Jose scale, dangerous pest as it is, has proved a great blessing.

Then there is the disease of yellows, which attacks peach trees, and if left, will kill them. In eradicating this disease most vigorous measures must be taken. Every infested tree must be taken up and burned. I was recently selling some peaches, and nearby was a man who had two loads which were full of yellows. His brought 25 cents a basket, while I received $1.35 for mine. I was nearly $1.10 ahead on every basket because I was "scared" of yellows.

Another disease which spreads on some soils is the red rust of the strawberry. Plants should be dipped into a solution of Bordeaux mixture and then sprayed once or twice with the same in the fall and again in the following spring. If it costs $25 it will pay.

I wonder how many of you practice thinning your fruit? An apple tree will nearly care for itself, but the man who wants good trees in the future will thin his fruit. If a tree bore 100 apples, I should remove 50. If the next year it bore 200, I should leave 100 to ripen, and the next, if it had 1000 I should leave 600. This will get the tree into the habit of bearing. A peach tree that will set 1000 peaches needs to have 600 or 700 thinned off. Thus you will get more bushels to the tree. The more you throw away the more you will have, and you will practically get four dollars for one.

After producing fine fruit, learn how to sell it for the most money. The fruit which brings most is that which is neatest, tullest, and most honestly packed. Pick your fruit carefully and in the cool of the day. Pack in a cool place and in tight packages, for the less air that reaches the fruit the better. Then put the crates in a a cool place. In packing grade your fruit; the finest first, then medium, etc. The three or four grades should be uniform throughout. Ask your dealers what kind of packages sell best. Next get a good dealer and tell him you have a good thing. Have your commission man go and see your place. The business side of fruit-growing means belief in yourself and then making those with whom you trade believe in you. Finally, do not go into business until you have thought it out and made up your mind that you will succeed.

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JOEL DRACUTT'S INTENTIONS.

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write to Joel of her intended return. It was but a ten minutes' walk from the railroad station to her own home.

She half feared that Joel might forbid her return if he knew of it, and the surprise would be all the more complete and delightful if he wanted her to come back.

It was about ten in the morning when she reached the station near her own home after an all-night ride. Her home was but half a mile from the station, and she walked half the distance with her children, when she suddenly met Joel face to face at a sharp turn in the road. It had been years since she had seen him so neatly dressed. He had a new satchel in his hand, and his first words were:

"Why, Letty, I was on my way to take the 10.35 train to fetch you home."

He knelt down in the dusty road with an arm around each of the children, and kissed them with tearful eyes.

"I'm sorry I went away as I did, Joel," said Letty, quietly.

"And I'm glad," said Joel. "You'll know why pretty soon."

He put his arm around her as they walked homeward with the children running on before them.

Another turn of the road brought the house into full view a few rods from them.

"Why, Joel!" said Letty, in the utmost surprise, for the house she saw bore no resemblance to the house she had left.

Behind a snowy white picket fence stood a little cottage shining in its new coats of white and straw-colored paint. A broad piazza ran along the entire front of the house, the dooryard was newly sodded, and all the unsightly litter of years had been removed.

Under the old oak tree in the yard was a new pump, to prove that Joel's "long-intended" well had become a reality.

The house had a new roof, and not a pane of glass was missing. The out buildings had been repaired and painted.

The interior of the house was in harmony with the changed exterior. There was new paper on the walls, and everything was in perfect repair.

"You see I've done all the things you said I must do before you'd come," said Joel, "an' I did it about all myself. I ain't furnished the house up any, because I reckoned you'd rather enjoy doing that yourself."

"But the money, Joel? It's all beautiful, but how could you afford to do it?"

"Well, the day after you left, I got word that my Aunt Harriett had died over in Hawleyville, and left me eight hundred dollars, and I reckoned I couldn't put it to any better use than to do some o' the things I've intended to do for you. I've fixed things up the best I could, and they're going to stay fixed up, Letty.

"I've got a steady job over in Taylor's factory, and I've broken my old fishing-rod and sold my shot-gun, and it won't be my fault if you're ashamed of me hereafter."

"I'm ashamed of myself," said Letty.

"You've no call to be," replied Joel decidedly. "All the past is buried, and we won't rake it up.

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HON. CHAS. S. CROUCH, REPRESENTATIVE IN THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

The editorial columns of the Northampton (Mass.) *Daily Gazette* give the particulars of the remarkable cure by Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, of Hon. Charles S. Cronch, Northampton's ablest and best known statesman and Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature.

Editor J. C. Gere, of this leading newspaper, personally investigated the facts of this wonderful cure, and his widely-read editorial states the details of the cure exactly as they occurred, giving Hon. Mr. Crouch's own words.

Following is the editorial in full:

Learning that a great cure had been effected in the case of Representative Chas. S. Crouch, of Northampton, Mass., by Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, a reporter took occasion to call on Mr. Crouch and talk with him about it, and among the thousands of testimonials given to this world-renowned medicine, none will be more widely read or give greater weight than this one coming from so noted a man as Representative Crouch.

Hon. Mr. Crouch said:

"Last spring I did not feel in my usual health; felt as tired in the morning as when I retired; had no energy nor ambition to go about a day's work; no appetite with which to regain strength and energy. In this condition I worked along from week to week, thinking that after a while matters would right themselves and I would feel like myself again. But to the contrary, I grew worse.

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In further conversation he said:

"Dr. Greene's Nervura is a great medicine. There is no humbug about it! It was made to cure, and it does cure! No one need be afraid to use it."

Day by day he praises this wonderful medicine to his friends and neighbors, as the one sure way to regain their health.

The word of this widely-known statesman should have the most convincing weight with the public, but when we have added to this the fact that the Northampton *Daily Gazette*, a newspaper of the highest standing, vouches editorially for the truth of every word, and its editor states that he has personally investigated all the facts of the marvelous cure, there should be no hesitation by the people to use this great medical discovery, this wonderful curer of disease, Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy. It is a fact, no longer to be doubted, that this remedy cures—that it makes those who use it strong and well—that it is the surest and most certain cure for disease in all the world, and the very best spring medicine possible to take.

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The letter read: "My dearest Sue,
Next Thursday I will spend with you;
I won't enjoy my visit, though,
If any trouble I bestow."

"Oh, I'm so glad," cried Mrs. White,
"For company is such delight!"
But looking round her in dismay,
"I must get ready, right away."

Armed with a dustpan and a broom
She went to work in every room,
She oiled and polished, cleaned and rubbed
And mended, scoured, washed and scrubbed.

Then in the kitchen she began,
While perspiration down her ran,
At pies and puddings, cakes and bread,
As if an army must be fed.

She toiled and fretted, cooked and baked,
She hurried, worried, stewed and ached.
When Thursday came, she, nearly dead,
Just managed to crawl out of bed.

And Mrs. Company came, too;
They kissed and hugged like women do,
And then began tired Mrs. White
To make excenses, never right.

"Oh, dear! my house (then waxen clean)
Is 'most too dirty to be seen—
So shut your eyes—you're looking stout—
Take off your things—I'm just worn out.

"You must excuse my cooking, too,
It isn't fit to offer you,
('Twas fit for kings) Too bad you come,
Just when I'm upside down at home."

And thus she welcomed and distressed
And spoiled the visit of her guest,
And wished she hadn't come to be
A tired woman's "company."

THE MAKING OF A MAN.

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their opportunities for culture, their strength of mind and body, their tender affection for that which satisfieth not. Let us not forget that the men who spend their leisure in the saloon are husbands, fathers, sons; that they are laboring men dependent on their strength, skill, clearness of mind, steadiness of nerve for daily bread; let us not forget that they are members of society with a part to play in making it prosperous and blessed; let us not forget that their leisure might be their blessing and ours, but that if they spend it here it is our curse and theirs. They will not work so well to-morrow for spending the night here; they will not be able to handle the chisel, the lever, the loom so well; nay, they may not be able to work at all. They will not have such pure thoughts, such tender hearts, such strong wills. What good interest of a home or of a community is talked over here? What is said or done here that will help a man grow, that will make him better? What that will lift him up and make him noble? What is contributed by the saloon to the making of a man? What is not done by it to hinder growth, to thwart the best life, to spoil that body and hurt the soul that God hath made?

And yet, my friends, these saloons stand open by the votes of the people of Palmer; they stand open because many men who like to drink a glass, and to spend a minute, or an hour chatting with their fellows where there are no restraints put on lewdness or profanity of speech, have voted to have them open; because some others, who would scorn to enter the saloons themselves, who have no appetite for drink, believe that a man ought to have a right to drink if he wants to do so, even if it means ruin to himself, misery to his family, hurt to the community. They stand open because some men believe that business will be better in town if liquor is sold, that merchants will sell more goods if men spend their money in the saloons; because some men, believing this, weigh dollars against manhood and homes and children and the community's good name—and vote for the dollars. The saloons are open because there are good men who care so little for other men's manhood and happiness, for their efficiency and power, for the gain or loss to the community's life that they stay at home on election day or will not take the trouble to vote "no-license."

The saloons are open by the votes of good men and by the consent of their silence. The saloons are open—men and boys go into them and drink, to talk, to smoke, to tell and hear lewd stories. The saloons are open,—and if they were not robbing poverty and destroying the ability of men to earn a living and making the innocent suffer for every dollar of profit they make, they would yet compel a man to vote "no-license," because they are destroying manhood and cursing the time which should be its blessing. The saloons are open. They pay $6000 or more into the town treasury, they lighten our burden of taxes that much, they build two miles of road in a year, pay one third the cost of the schools, or meet all the poor rate. Are we so poor, then, that we can be bribed by a paltry sum like this? Are we so poor and base that we will build streets with the price of shoes, and support the poor with the price of strength to earn a living, and pay our teachers with the price of their scholars' happiness, with the price of men's intelligence and character?

The saloons are open, and day after day men go in to drink and loaf, boys go in and become familiar with evil, day by day they cross the threshold to come out less manly, less useful, less fit to survive. Well, what can we do to secure a right use of leisure in the face of these various temptations?

First we can cultivate in growing boys and girls the power to say "no," the power to resist temptation. Simple warning against the evils of achohol or bad literature is not enough—we must, as Dr. Parkhurst says, "make the boy a moral vertebrate." We cannot scare him into temperance or goodness if he has no will, if he has not been taught to heed the authority of conscience. Temperance instruction may do good, but we need to make our boys and girls of sterner stuff, and to discipline them more sternly.

Then we need to teach them to have a horror of wasting time. Let us teach them to regard its value, its sacredness. Let us cure manhood of its wanton prodigality of time by encouraging childhood to use it,—in useful work, in wholesome play, in restful rest. It is possible to teach the value and use of money so that the man will be thrifty and prosperous; and so it is possible to teach the value and use of time, so that the man would rebel at the thought of squandering hours or even minutes in the saloon or elswhere—making worse than waste of them.

In the second place, let us do our best to suppress the temptations to use time other than in the highest ways. Useless and pernicious amusements, bad literature, saloons,—let us frown upon them. O, if you love your town, if you would do anything for its real growth, realize this—that it is to be saved by its morality, by the industry, thrift, intelligence, goodness of its people; that you cannot have these things until you have by force of your opinion and of your good example and of your fearless ballot freed it from its curses.

And finally, let us realize that, after all evil must be overcome with good. To shut the saloons in the name of homes and of manhood is the first step, the first duty, but there is a higher: it ought to be followed by the establishment of some place where social instincts, which form more than half the attraction of the saloons, may be satisfied in the midst of wholesome, decent surroundings, with no restrictions other than that conduct shall be quiet and courteous, language free from grossness and profanity, and games from gambling.

I trust that we shall carry this town for no-license. But if we do not can we not do something to light the saloons on their own ground, and compete with them for the leisure of boys if not of men, of young men if not of old? May we be faithful and fearless when we vote,—may we do a citizen's duty then and every day, crushing out the lower life of our town, and adding steadily to the forces that make of righteousness, that contribute to the "making of a man."

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By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Augusta Merrill of Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, to Mary A. Lincoln of Warren, in the County of Worcester, dated June 19th, A. D., 1886, and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 542, Page 328. Will be sold at public auction near the house on the premises below described, on Saturday, the 19th day of March next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows: "A certain tract of land situated in the westerly part of Brimfield, in said County of Hampden, and bounded and described as follows to wit: "Beginning on the east side of highway leading from Palmer to Warren, on line of land of Isaac King, deceased, and being the southwest corner of land to be described; thence northeasterly on said King's land to Cook's Mountain, so-called, to a stake and stones, about two hundred rods; thence northerly on line of land now or late of Harvey Lyman and Hiram Powers; thence westerly on line of said Powers to stones on a rock about ninety-five rods; thence northerly on said Powers to a stake and stones about thirty-five rods; thence northwesterly on said Powers across Perry Brook, so-called, to the east end of reservoir dam, now or formerly of Henry Smith; thence southwesterly on line of land of the heirs of the late Dudley Blodgett to a stake and stones about eighty rods; thence on line of said heirs westerly to a stake and stones, at line of land now or late of Calvin Shaw, about eight rods; thence westerly on said Shaw's line to the County road leading from Palmer to Warren, about one hundred and twenty rods; thence southerly on said County road, about one hundred and seventy rods, to the first mentioned bound. Containing about one hundred acres, more or less,—with the buildings thereon, being a part of the land conveyed to me by Nathaniel P. Merrill, September 1st, 1891, and being all of the said land on the east side of said highway, said deed from said N. P. Merrill is recorded with said Hampden County Deeds in Book 182, Page 384."

Said premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes or assessments, and also subject to any acquelnet rights.

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Love thrived 'twixt her and me.
My life—embittered by the loss
Of one who long had been
The light no shadow moved across,
Was now a life of sin.
Soon as my daily toil was done
To the Inn I would repair;
Alas, alas, my little one
Too often found me there.
From my companions me she led,—
The amber-bearded foam
Was dashed aside, and to my bed
My darling led me home.

Alas, one day I also lost
That little angel mine;
Upon her fell death's early frost,
She sleeps below the pine.
Cut sorely by this second blow,
This only I could see,
That death of strong men still the foe.
Might any day strike me.
Unto the tempting tavern, I
No longer now repair;
My angel's twain in heaven high
Might grieve to see me there.
And now—whate'er else comes to pass,—
No matter where I roam,
Some night I know my little lass
Will come and lead me home.

Springfield, Mass., February, 1898. MOSES TEGGART.

SKIPPER DICK.

A more perfect morning could seldom be enjoyed than that on which we crossed the broad entrance to our Lady's Bay. The golden sun rose with majestic stateliness in the clear, transparent ether, and bathed the restless ocean with scarlet, purple and bronze. The pleasant southwest wind from off the heavily wooded shores brought us the grateful odors of fir and spruce, filling the curving sails with its aromatic breathings. The swish, swish, of foaming water against the lee rail beat rhythmic monotones to the revolutions of the screw and punctuated the long graceful bounds of the "Swallow" across the heaving swells.

A straggling flock of sea fowl winged slowly across the vessel's wake and faded to a black silhouette against the southern horizon.

Off our weather bow a streak of lavender and heliotrope lay like a delicate ribbon between sea and sky, and marked the northern boundary of the bay. As it rose at our approach, and the precipitous cliffs and rugged headland became more well defined, the engineer appeared on deck, and, after a characteristic survey of the weather indications and of the distant land, came forward and joined us at the bows.

"There bees a cu'us rock off the 'Middle Bill,' as yous ought to have a look at. Meby, as yous have heard of Mother Burke? Her ought to be singin' brave with this sea runnin', and it all clear ground, sirs, roight up to her toes."

We focused our glasses on the rising cliffs, which brought the rock he referred to into view. Although still distant a dozen miles or more, its grotesque outlines needed but a touch of imagery to fashion the angular profile of an aged dame.

"There bees a cu'rus yarn as I moight tell," he continued, giving the ashes in his pipe a vigorous poke. "Ole Skipper Dick had his closetest call roight there; and he can give yous the story if he will—tho as he's ou the watch below just now, I don't moind to poipe the start un.

"I never seed the 'Welcome Home' myself, but at all accounts her must have been a clipper. The craft was brigus built, with double topmast, jumbo, jib, flyer and a big balloon; and with all set her must have walked the water.

"The owners took a load of wood and coals (and folks do say a heavy ballast of insurance), and started her cruisin' on the loighthouse sarvice. He had a crew, all told, of 13 hands; and they was out a week or so, when on all 'em but the cap'n pulls back in port with the boats, and says the 'Welcome' struck on Mother Burke, a-roundin' from Gull islin' loight in the noight-time; and told as how her bows split and her sunk, and no one knowed a word about the skipper.

"The insurers judged it worth investigatin'; but every mother's son could tell no more. They spun the same yarns, how the craft was lost; and finally they settled with the owners

"Now here's the cur'us truth:—the next day followin', what should come sailin' down the bay but jest that opedentical 'Welcome Home;' no one aboard her, and not a bit of water noider, altho her bows was started, shore enough. The breeze was saft from sea'ard and took her safe, and pretty's a man would loike, sir, and landed her gently on the lower bar, from which they rose her noicely at high water.

"They docked her and fixed her hows and sended her off to Larbordoor a-fishin'; but old Dick was aboard her latest cruise and what he'll tell you's moighty interestin'."

The high ocean walls were frowning at us now, and Mother Burke was all in evidence. A rough gigantic statue, carved by the chiseling sea from out the metamorphic—a terrible monument to sunken wrecks below, a grim sentinel guarding the silvery bay and also marking the southern extreme of the French Treaty fishing rights.

We passed within a gunshot of the "Toes," against which the ocean swells were beating angrily, sending the white spray high up to her lap to trickle down in long, black, shining ribbons, which fancy pictured as her apron strings. A dozen feet above the roaring surf a narrow ledge of rock projected and, as we passed, the engineer interjected:—"That bit o' level path is where Dick le'pt to."

Our interest reawakened in the tale, we were loth to wait for Skipper Dick's conclusion; but the engineer was obdurate and smilingly edged away, with the apologetic words:—"Dick's got the p'ints, and I reckon the gear below needs me attention."

Old Skipper Dick came up at noon to take the wheel; but the breeze had freshened to half a gale, the loppy sea was washing over our quarters, and there was no opportunity for us to hear the yarn until night had settled down upon the snug quarters we found in Paquet Harbor.

Here, after our evening meal, with the boisterous wind singing shrill minor strains as it whistled through the rigging, and with flickering anchor light shining on the old man's strong, wrinkled features, he meditatively loaded his short clay pipe and favored us with the promised relation.

I duno's I quoite enj'y it, sur. The truth of it's moighty cur'us; and even now I doosn't loike to think about the 'Welcoom Home,' for whens I doos the froight is like to take me. 'Tain't every folk as I care to tell about un; and somtoimes I thinks it's loike to roise the Cap'n. I seed un too many toimes a'ready, and I doosn't loike to meet un, that I doosn't.

"Howsumdever, I'll tell un, for I knows yous won't misdoubt un, sur.

"By bappenstance the crew was just thirteen agin, and none of un jest loiked that shippin number. I shipped a second mate, and coursely bad me turn at wheel and deck-watch. Her had a nice run oot, until her fetched alongside of Gull Islin'; and then the noight coom down as thick as bags, and moist and cbilly, with a saft wind blowing.

"I had me turn at wheel, and Tommy Doolan, as had the watch with me, was a'most frosted: so 'Tom,' says I, 'go doon and warm a bit,' and Tom was only waitin' for a hint, sur.

"I heard the rumblin' v'ice of Mother Burke, sur, and jidged her 'bout half a moile t' wind'ard; when's castin' me eyes up the deck, I sees a man a-standin' by the forestays.

"'Tom, is that you'n?' I axed; but nothin' answered; and the ligger turned and moved aft to'ards me. And whens a strak o' loight from the cabin struck him I seen as how the figger was a strange 'un. A big six-footer, sur, an' heavy w'iskert: and as he reached the quarter, he p'inted land'ard, and Mither Burke sint oot a roar o' coughin'; and the stranger grinned at me and p'inted to'ards un.

"O' coorsat I thought aboot the missin skipper, and 'Who be un?' I hollered. 'Bad scraggs to ye! who be un?' But he only grinned and never moved a han', sur.

"With that I lashed the wheel and started to'ards un; and when I coams up clost I fetched to grab un; but as I lives to tell un me hand wint through un, and he a-standin' there a-grinnin' at me!

"I drapt as if a marlin spoike had bat me; and thens I heard Tom Doolan tearin' aft, sur; and thens I hears the breakers jest afore un; and by the help o' Providens and Tom Doolan, as swung her hard aport, we grazed the ledge, sur.

"By this toime all the hands had rushed on deck, and I'd had toime to pick myself agither. The skipper cussed and tore and swore he'd drown me; but I thought it best to not to tell the story, for fear the men would swim ashore to leave un.

"Poor mates! I's wished a-many toimes I'd told un.

"That noight we had a spell o' weather; but for the next three months we niver had a blow, sur. What's more I niver seed the ghostes, nor did the other hands; and so, ye see, I niver told 'em of un.

"We got a load and all hands was continued, and thinkin' how they'd made a payin' sayson. We had a foine nor'wester coomin' home'ards, and legged a good ten knots to'ards woives and childer.

"I had the wheel at Crouse to Sain' Barbes Isl'n's; and then at 10 o'clock o' noight wint for'ard. The sky was gettin' black and spittin' loightnin', and we tuk in topsels and balloon and flyer.

"Young Burke was at the wheel, and all the rest o' the hands had coom below, sur. We had some snack and a poipeful; and all the starboard watch was noicely snorin', when I thought to tek a look on deck afore I turned in.

"As I sticks me head oot, sur, I hears the breakers. Lord love un! Mither Burke was right afore un!"

"I sings out sharp and le'pt the win'lass, let's go a halliard and then jest grips the riggin'. The Welcoom smashed and crashed agin' the Toes, and lifted, and jest without a thought I made the leap, sur!

"Yous seed the ledge. 'Twan't bare enough to turn on; and how I fetched un and how I stuck there after, I doon knows, sur; but I made to do un. And then the sea runs out, the loightnin' glares and flashes, and shows the Welcoom Home without a how, sur, and somethin' as I wisht I never see sur—poor Burke a-layin' flat, and at the wheel that same big figger, with the whiskers flyin', and grinnin', all possessed and p'intin' land'ard.

"And then the sea hurs in; the Welcoom lurches and strikes ag'in, and breaks and fills and flounders, and all in less toime than it takes to tell un; and all hands savin' me bud got last papers.

"I hung on somehow tills the marin' when a punt from aff the islan' come an' took me; and then for days and weeks I had the fever sickness. I niver tells about un but I feels un; and if yons got un handy, moight I ax a wee sma' drop o' stiffy grog, sur?"

The following morning we rowed ashore and visited a small white chapel, where we listened to an earnest Sabbath service, conducted by a patriarchal fisherman.

At the meeting's close, while lingering on the doorsteps to glance about the peaceful, picturesque village, I felt an awkward touch on my shoulder, and turned to receive the elder's greeting.

"By the way," he said, as I was about to leave him, "Uzn't that ole Dick Willer with yez? I knowed that Dick this tharty year'n more; the tarnalest liar, he, in all creation!"—*Ralph Graham Taber, in Independent.*

MEXICAN WOODPECKER'S QUEER WAYS.

Down in Mexico there lives a woodpecker who stores his nuts and acorns in the hollow stalks of the yuccas and magneys. These hollow stalks are separated by joints into several cavities, and the sagacious bird has somehow found this out, and bores a hole at the upper end of each joint, and another at the lower, through which to extract the acorns when wanted. Then he fills up the stalks solidly and leaves its stores there until needed, safe from the depredations of any other thievish bird or four-footed animal.

The first place in which this curious habit was observed was a hill in the midst of a desert. The hill was covered with yuccas and magueys, but the nearest oak trees were thirty miles away, and so, it was calculated, these industrious birds had to make a flight of 60 miles for each acorn stowed thus in the stalks!

An observer of birds remarks: "There are several strange features to be noticed in these facts; the provident instinct which prompts this bird to lay by stores of provisions for the winter, the great distance traversed to collect a kind of food so unusual for its race and its seeking in a place so remote from its natural abode a storehouse so remarkable."

Can instinct alone teach, or have experience and reason taught these birds that far better than the bark of trees or crevices in rocks or any other hiding place, are these hidden cavities they make for themselves with the hollow stems of distant plants?

This we cannot answer. But we do know that one of the most remarkable birds in our country, is this California woodpecker, and that he is well entitled to his Mexican name of El Carpintero—the carpenter bird.—*St. Nicholas Magazine*

WISE IN HIS GENERATION.—"I want," said the recently married man in the novelty store, "a lady's belt."

"Yes, sir," said the polite shop empress. "What size?"

A blush mantled the customer's brow and he swallowed twice in rapid succession. Then he said: "I don't know exactly. Let me have a measure, please." And as he placed it along the inside of his arm, from shoulder to wrist, the shop empress nodded wisely and remarked beneath her breath to her chum: "He isn't the fool he looks, is he?"—*Tit-Bits.*

THE MAKING OF A MAN.

Rev. O. G. Petrie gave the sixth of his sermons on the above subject in the Universalist church last Sunday evening. His text was: "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures."

These words are said in rebuke to the Sadducees. We may assume from them that Jesus himself was familiar with the books of the Old Testament, that he knew what the lawgivers and psalmists and preachers of his nation had said and done.

The assumption is borne out by many things. Jesus often quotes from the Old Testament. When he is tempted it is from this army that he draws the sword of the spirit to defend and strengthen his better self, and to pierce through the heart of allurement and bribe. When he declares his life work to his fellow townsmen it is in the familiar words of Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me and hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." When he confutes his opponents it is with arguments drawn from the history and prophecies of his nation. When he speaks to the people, Noah and Abraham and David are familiar examples. Hung on the cross the Psalms furnish words for his anguish. Walking to Emmaus he expounds to the two discouraged ones the scriptures which testify of the suffering Messiah.

This intimate acquaintance with the scriptures was begun at his mother's knee, was continued in the school, at the Sabbath service in the synagogue, and was perfected by many years of personal study and meditation. It was not a knowledge of the letter alone, but also of the spirit. It was vital, and it had a profound influence upon his life. Out of the heart of the Hebrew faith and hope he drew the life-blood of his gospel. He fulfilled the law and the prophets, and built upon them as upon foundations.

These books preserved for him the spirit and experience of the Hebrew people. There were no other extant evidences of the high tide of religious and social life that had once prevailed in Israel. The service of the temple and the synagogue was formal and lacked the spirit of real worship; the law that governed conducts was traditional and casuistic and lacked moral quality; the conduct and life of men and women was not upon a high plane. But the scriptures kept for him the old aspirations, the old true faith, the old high conduct, the spirit and life of Abraham and Moses and David and Elias. Through them the fidelity of the greatest men, the moral grandeur of the best generations, the religious life of the prophets, ministered to his intelligence, his freedom, his power. The books stored his mind and disciplined his faculties; books quickened his imagination and led his soul into the open where it could see and understand and sympathize with all men, all ages; books inspired him; books strengthened him.

What books did for Jesus they can do for us. Their first ministry is to our intelligence. It is through books that we learn what men have thought, what they have accomplished, what they have suffered, what the have enjoyed. Through books we may know how the world looks "Farthest North," how "Following the Equator:" how men live in Darkest England, how in Darkest Africa; what life means in Lotus Land, what it meant in Ancient Egypt. Books are the record of universal experience. All the explorations ever made into whatever fields are recorded here; all the discoveries of sight and hearing and touch and smell and taste and the sixth sense are here catalogued. You may get knowledge by study at first hand, accepting only your own experiences; or you may do so by inquiry of the men and women that you meet; but if you want a knowledge accurate, comprehensive and thorough, you must not despise the ministry of books. Suppose every man had to start afresh to explore and explain the universe—how impossible progress would be! Suppose every man had to get his information by inquiry—how few would he intelligent and how slowly knowledge would increase! "God bless the man who first invented books." We may begin to study where others left off; we may easily acquaint ourselves with what they knew. Once, when books were few, a student must travel to the ends of the earth to find the men who could tell him what he wanted to know; now the facts they have discovered are accessible at his very door, and he may pursue a university course in his own house.

The importance of this ministry to intelligence is suggested in the text. Knowledge has its relation to conduct. "Ye do err not knowing the scriptures," said Jesus to the Sadducees. People do not err because they are not widely informed, because they have not read the books. We think the law is behind the times because it is always searching for precedents, and seems afraid to launch out along untried paths. But, after all, if we knew, each man and woman of us in our own sphere of life and work, what have been accomplished and how, what experiment has failed and why, we should make fewer fatal mistakes. Of course things are sometimes struck out new by men unlettered and unlearned. But the most practical inventions are made by men thoroughly familiar with all that has been done and essayed in that line; the most practical social theories are propounded by men who know the history of man's social evolution; and the way to right conduct, to intelligent performance of the duty of the hour is plainest and freest from pitfalls to those whose feet are guided by the lamp of the widest, the longest, the most universal experience. Your life and mine is simple enough, its duties are generally plain and unavoidable; but we go astray many times, we come short of our true glory many times, because we do not know enough. We shall live a more useful as well as a happier life if we welcome the ministry of books to our intelligence.

Books instruct us; they also make us free. The man who has not read many books, is narrow in sympathies, tastes, prides, appreciations—unless he has travelled or come in contact with many men of many minds. But what reader of books can be narrow? can think that all goodness is summed up in himself, in his town, in his country, in his race? What man can be narrow, bigoted, who has read the books of England, of Germany, of France, of Spain, of Italy, of India, of China, of Greece and Rome? Reading frees him; it makes him a citizen of the world; it makes the brotherhood of the race a fact to him; it makes him a citizen of all ages, and puts him in sympatby with all culture. He lives in his own land, but sees it as a part of the world, with its proper work and its special duty; he lives in his own age, but sees it as a part of all time with its great debt to the past, its responsibility to the future.

Books liberate us from the burdens, the hardships, the vexations of life. Emerson said of Monadnoc,

"Hither we bring
Our insect miseries to the rocks,
And the who'e brood, with pestering wing,
Vanish and end their murmuring,—
Vanish beside these dedicated blocks."

They vanish also when we read. The mind is diverted from its worries, it is led off into other lands, made to sympathize with other sorrows, made to enter into joy with the mind of the authors. Just as a friend

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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 11, 1898.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, MARCH 10, 1898.

The bill for the benefit of the Boston and Maine railroad was passed by the House to be engrossed with an amendment that the issue of new stock for the purchase of the stock of the roads to be bought up shall be "with the approval of the railroad commissioners as to amount." This was in place of an amendment which was proposed in almost exactly the same form, except that it had the clause "as consistent with the public interest." The point urged for the latter form was that the railroad commissioners should have positive instruction from the Legislature to guard the public interest. The railroad objected to such a clause being put into the bill, and the House was willing that it should be omitted. That is comment enough on the character of the bill. As the bill stands, it supports the principle that every corporation of the state may capitalize its stock at market value, provided the owners can persuade the commissioners who have charge of such corporations that it is necessary. It is a pernicious principle, and the Legislature has made a lamentable mistake.

The Senate and House members of the committee on rules did not agree upon the adoption of the order for an investigation of the gas interests of Boston, but none of them dissented when it came to the report. It was believed by the committee that Mr Miller of Boston, who introduced the order, made out sufficient case for an investigation The allegations which he made were that the capitalization of Boston gas stocks was to be increased from about $15,000,000 to about $50,000,000, and that there were issues of securities and expenses about which the gas commissioners knew nothing There was some evident effort at smothering the investigation, but it was unsuccessful in the committee.

The effort to put the telephone companies under some state supervision has got to the point of a majority vote of the committee on mercantile affairs. They have reported a bill, by five to six, for giving the gas and electric light commissioners jurisdiction similar to that which is exercised over the gas companies. The commission is given power to examine the books and records of the companies, to send for persons and papers, and to require the companies to furnish such facts as the commission may require. A method is provided for making and hearing complaints, and the comuissioners may make recommendations regarding the price and service, but power is not given to fix the price of telephone service. It is said by one of the committee that two of the dissenters were not properly qualified to vote on the matter. The five were Senators Williams of Norfolk and Davis of Suffolk, and Representatives Winslow of Norwood, Kyle of Plymouth and Connolly of Fall River. It is said that Williams observed that there was a doubt about his voting because he held telephone stock, and Mr. Kyle said that he furnished supplies to the telephone company. It is likely that the report will be hotly contested in the House.

The House came to a vote Wednesday afternoon on the order for a gas investigation. The vote seemed to have been given under some misapprehension. A hostile amendment was voted down, 53 years to 92 nays. Then came the roll-call on the same thing and there were 95 yeas to 97 nays. The result is accounted for only on the supposition that some members thought they were voting for the adoption of the order. It was evident that the House was decidedly that way of thinking, and that the excuses for non-action had little weight.

The issue of parochial schools comes before the Legislature in a new form this year under the report of the commission to investigate truancy in the state. It is proposed, in one of the sections of the bill which is submitted by the committee of the board of education, that registers shall be supplied to the schools, which shall be used and be open to the inspection of the state officials. The Catholic interest has taken strong ground against the bill. Their counsel, Charles F. Donnelly, argues that the Catholics are very jealous of the control of their children. On the side of the state it is urged that the children are the dearest thing which the state has, far dearer than any property or other interest. The parochial schools, it is put, have taken 60,000 of these children from the control of the state, put them into private hands, and refuse to tell what is done with them. The argument is that it is not for the good of the state to be ignorant of the progress of these children, and that something ought to be done to let the public know the condition of these children. There was quite a sprinkling of Catholic priests at the hearing.

It is likely that there will be little, if any, opposition to the bill which has been reported for the transfer of all condemned murderers to the state prison for execution. The practice of having executions in the county jails is regarded as needlessly demoralizing to a considerable part of the population. Local interest is excited, morbid curiosity is stirred, the unnatural feelings of the people tend to reduce to a minimum the salutary lessons to be enforced from the administration of justice. By the removal of the prisoners to Charlestown all these drawbacks will be obviated. The bill also provides that all executions shall be by electricity. This puts Massachusetts in line with New York.

The liquor law committee has gone a step further this year than it has ever gone before in restrictive legislation. With only two dissenters, Messrs. Bleiler and Feneno of Boston, both Democrats, it has reported a bill to limit the liquor licenses in Boston to one for every 1000 people. This is the same as for all other parts of the state, and the proposition has never been considered favorably by any committee in past years. It was only by excepting Boston from the original act and allowing the city twice as many licenses as other cities and towns, that the legislation could be got through at all. It is not really to be expected that this bill will pass. The influence of Boston liquor dealers will be felt at the state house sufficiently strong to keep the state in the same position as heretofore. The committee has reported unanimously against the petition for the repeal of the license limitation law, and against the bill to make a special case of Holyoke and let it have as many licenses according to people as Boston.

A commendable effort is being made by the people of Berkshire county to secure an appropriation of $25,000 for the preservation of Mount Greylock as a public reservation. The people of the county are unanimous in their desire for the preservation. The woodchoppers and charcoal-burners are devastating the sides of the mountain, and it is highly important that something be done for the protection of these beautiful forests. A strong case was made out, and the committee was evidently favorably impressed. The establishment of such a precedent might be followed by the reservation of Wachusett and other mountains which may be valuable for popular resorts, and ought not to be fenced off from the people, as Greylock is beginning to be.

Thursday afternoon Mr. Hayes of Lowell moved to reconsider the adoption of the order for investigation. The full half hour for debate under this motion was allowed and then, on a rising vote, there were 100 yeas to 89 nays on the vote for reconsideration. This meant that the Boston gas ring had manipulated the House to prevent the investigation. But a roll-call was secured and by 98 to 98 the motion to reconsider was defeated. This was made possible only by the vote of Speaker Bates. Had he kept silent, the reconsideration would have been carried. As it was he proved himself to be in the interests of the people and the House was saved from disgrace. Mr. Kenefick of Palmer voted consistently for the investigation. Now the question is what the Senate will do with the order. LANDON.

PALMER NEWS.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS LAST NIGHT'S.

New Board of Selectmen Nominated—Many Democrats Take Part.

The features of the Republican caucus at the town house last evening were the nominating of an entire new set of candidates for selectmen,—C. E. Fuller and M. J. Dillon of Palmer, and C. L. Holden of Bondsville,—and the large number of voters heretofore considered Democrats who took part in the caucus. They had a perfect right to do so of course, but they are thereby barred from participation in the caucus this evening.

For several days there have been rumors that the above ticket would be presented to the caucus, backed by dissatisfied Republicans in Palmer and Thorndike, and it received 108 votes against 32 for a ticket headed with the names of the present board. Three Rivers and Thorndike were well represented in the caucus, and probably a large proportion of the votes for the successful ticket came from those villages; the traveling was simply horrible for teams, and there was only a small number of Palmer men present, compared with the voting strength of that precinct It is understood that the requisite ten Democratic names have been secured for the placing of the ticket nominated last evening on the Australian ballot prepared by the Democratic town committee for this evening, though what strength the dissatisfied Democrats will develop to-night can only be conjectured

The ticket nominated is: Selectmen, C. E Fuller, M. J. Dillon, C. L. Holden; assessors, John O. Hamilton, James Knox, Harvey Chapman; tax collector, H. A. Northrop; town clerk and treasurer, J B. Shaw; overseer of poor, 3 years, H. T. Bishop; school committee, 3 years, C E Fish, W. E McDonald; 2 years, Rev. R E Smith; cemetery commissioner, 3 years, H E W. Clark; 2 years, H. C. Strong; 1 year, H. G Loomis; board of health, 3 years, Dr. J. P. Schneider; constables, H A. Northrop, F. W. Lavine, T. J. Conroy, Samuel Brown, John Griffin. C. A. Tabor of Thorndike and J. H. Trickett of Three Rivers were elected to fill the vacancies on the town committee, but Mr. Tabor absolutely declines to serve.

Shall We Have a Baseball Team?

Spring is coming, and with it comes talk and preparations concerning the great national game, baseball. This game is without question the most popular in athletics Every village, town and city has a team, in which great pride is taken, and its backers and supporters want it to win every game Years ago Palmer had a team, to which was conceded the championship of the surrounding towns, and many can remember with pleasure its victories on the diamond. Recently not much interest has been manifested in this village, and for the past few years no team has been organized. In the other villages of the town, however, the game has not lost any of its prestige, but has rather gained support. Strong nines are yearly organized and exciting games are played. The struggle between the Bondsville and Thorndike teams are famous, and create boundless enthusiasm among the inhabitants of those villages and others interested in baseball. This village is well adapted for the support of a ball team. Its excellent railroad facilities make it possible for outside teams to reach here easily and at little expense, and it has a good diamond on the agricultural park. The only thing which has been against the support of a team is the inability of the people from the other villages, on which it must partially depend for patronage, to reach here easily. But this difficulty, with so many others, is to be removed by the new electric road, and there is no reason why a first-class team cannot be supported this season. Plans are already being made. The most feasible seems to be the securing of several good players from each of the villages,—and there are any quantity of them,—and organizing with headquarters here. In this way a very strong team can be secured which would give an excellent account of itself upon the diamond. It is to be hoped that the matter will be pushed and taken in hand by an energetic manager, and that numerous good games may be played here this season.

Brimfield Assault Case in Court.

Calvin Wheaton of Brimfield, charged with assault with intent to kill upon A. H. W. Stimson of the same town, came before the district court Saturday and occupied the greater portion of the day. On account of the seriousness of the charge and the fact that Stimson is well known as a former citizen of Palmer, the case attracted much attention and was largely attended. Before proceeding to trial, counsel for Wheaton moved that the complaint be quashed on account of defects contained in it, and the court sustained his motion. A complaint for simple assault was then made out and the trial proceeded, Wheaton pleading not guilty. Stimson, who is warden at the town farm, claimed that Wheaton came to the farm Monday afternoon and demanded payment of a bill which was owed him. He had an axe in his hand and acted in a threatening manner. Both went to the barn and while there Wheaton assaulted him. He struck at him several times but missed, the last blow barely missing Stimson's head. His testimony was corroborated by two witnesses. The defense claimed that while in the barn Stimson endeavored to force Wheaton to a settlement of the bill disadvantageous to his interests, and refused to allow him to leave the barn, and when he attempted to leave Stimson seized him, struck and choked him Judge McFarland occupied the bench and found Wheaton guilty and imposed a fine of $10, and bonds in the sum of $300 to keep the peace for one year, which sentence was performed. Representative Kenefick appeared for the commonwealth and E. E. Hobson for the defense.

Tramps Decline to Work.

"Doc" Allen is having great trouble with his transient guests this week, and is at a loss to understand the reason. Three of them have refused to work and have been taken before the court. Up to this time he has had no trouble, all his guests paying their bills promptly. He sets just as good a table as before, has made no change in the brand of crackers and served the same drinks, but this week the fare has not seemed to suit. Monday, John Hayes and Frank Miller refused to work, and when taken before the court pleaded guilty. They wanted to go to Bridgewater and they went,—Hayes for two years and Miller for one. About four months ago Hayes put up at Hotel D'Allen, in the morning refused to work and asked that he be sent to Bridgewater. His request was not complied with and he was sent to the house of correction at Springfield. He was released from that institution last Saturday and came immediately to Palmer. Saturday evening he did not stay in the tramp room, for he knew that on Sunday morning he would not be compelled to work; Sunday evening, however, he applied for lodging and on the following morning refused to work. The court considered it an aggravated case and sentenced him to two years at Bridgewater. Both Miller and Hayes have served time there before. Tuesday morning Edward Whalan refused to pay for his lodging and wanted to go to Bridgewater. He was given six months in the house of correction.

The Salvation Army Meetings.

The Salvation Army, which has been in town for two weeks, expected to go to Three Rivers Wednesday, but on account of the good being accomplished the Three Rivers people were persuaded to allow Palmer to retain them the rest of the week, and they have held services every afternoon and evening. These services have been unusually well attended, a large number who have heretofore paid little heed to religion have been interested, quite a number have gone forward for prayers, and much good has been done. The army will remain over Sunday, and a telegram was received yesterday announcing that Major MacIntyre, the second in command of the Salvation Army in the Eastern states, who is known as "The fiery apostle from the Golden Gate," will come from Boston to assist in the meetings to-morrow and Sunday. He will speak in the Baptist church to-morrow evening, and also Sunday morning, and in the Congregational church at 3 Sunday afternoon and at 7 in the evening. No seat is likely to be left vacant in any place where he speaks, and those who wish to hear him will do well to be on hand early.

Miss Mary Murphy is visiting in Wales and Holland.

Mrs. L. E. Carpenter spent Sunday in Springfield.

John Breckenridge, the painter, is ill at his home on Park street.

Mrs. Servetus Leach is visiting in the eastern part of the state.

Miss Hobbs of Monson has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Omer Marcy.

W. A. Weld is assisting as clerk in the grocery store of E. B. Taylor.

J. Arthur Wells has resigned his position in E. B. Taylor's grocery store.

John Holden of Bennington, Vt., visited friends and relatives here Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Brown of Enfield was a guest at the home of G. A. Rice this week.

Misses Irene Brown and Sadie Moran spent Sunday in Warren and Worcester.

Elder H. L. Ross of Springfield will preach in the Advent chapel next Sunday morning.

R. J. Henry of Worcester spent Sunday and the first of the week with friends in town.

Chester B. Pasco, a veteran of the late war, is seriously ill at his home on Pine street.

The Anglomaniacs will meet this evening at the house of Senator Leach on Church street.

Who Are They?

A snap shot of two well-known Palmer business men, taken on Main street. A three-months' subscription will be given the first person who sends the correct names to the JOURNAL office.

George Mills has opened a shop in the Munger block for the repairing and checking of bicycles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Helliwell of North Brookfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis.

The drinking fund of the W. C. T. U. has been increased $5 recently by a gift from Mrs. C. C. Shaw.

The public library has received a donation of a large number of books from F. D. Orcutt of Baptist Hill.

L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., held its regular monthly meeting in Memorial Hall Wednesday evening.

Rev. O. G. Petrie will install the officers of the Young People's Christian Union at Warren Monday evening.

Mrs. F. W. Harrison and Mrs. C. E. Fuller have been visiting Mrs. W. E. Wetherell of Westboro this week.

C. W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, will hold a regular meeting in Memorial Hall next Tuesday evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer fire department was held in the engine house Monday evening.

The pastor of the Congregational church will speak Sunday morning on "Life a better thing than many make it."

Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, who has been suffering with a severe attack of erysipelas of the face, is now recovering.

Misses Mary McGuire and Rose Crane of Lowell are guests at the home of Peter McGuire in the carpet mill district.

The annual meeting of the library association was postponed from Monday evening until Tuesday evening of next week.

About a dozen Masons went to Monson Tuesday evening to witness the work as exemplified by Wolcott lodge of Stafford.

Adelbert Northrop and family of Boston have been guests of Mr. Northrop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Northrop, this week.

Miss Bessie Royce is spending the week in Tilton, N. H., visiting friends at the seminary in that place, of which she is a graduate.

Mrs. S. L. Bogue has purchased the confectionery, fruit and tobacco store in the Nassowanno block, next to Hitchcock's store.

Four persons were admitted into membership in the Congregational church last Sunday, two by letter and two on confession of faith.

A party of gentlemen will attend the presentation of "The Southern Romance" at the new Nelson theatre in Springfield to-morrow evening.

Mrs. F. W. Ellis of Somerville and Miss J. W. Cowles of Amherst were guests at the home of C. A. LeGro on Converse avenue this week.

The case of Harry B. Keith vs. Adrian Miller, action of tort, to recover the value of a heifer, was entered in the superior court at Springfield Monday.

Brian O'Rourke is sure that spring is coming soon, as he saw a bluebird on his farm Monday morning. Robins have been heard about the village this week.

Letters addressed to the following persons are advertised as unclaimed at the post office: Maxim Poro, W. B. Smith, John Smith and Mrs. Mary George White.

A large break occurred in the main of the Palmer Water Company at the corner of Walnut and Pleasant streets Monday evening, and was repaired Tuesday forenoon.

A Northfield man has rented the store in Commercial block formerly occupied by Jeweler E. S. Brooks, and will carry a line of crockery. The store is now being fitted up.

Mrs. F. P. Bradway and son of Willimantic spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Bradway's sister, Mrs. L. E. Chandler. Mr. Bradway spent Sunday with them.

Revere chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a 10-cent pop-corn social and entertainment in its rooms in Masonic block next Tuesday evening, to which the public is invited.

The assessors will be in session from 7 until 10 to-morrow evening in the district court room for the purpose of assessing any who may wish to vote in the coming town election.

A meeting of the Congregational parish will be held this evening at 7 30 o'clock to take action concerning the resignation of Rev. F. E. Jenkins as pastor of the Congregational church.

The Junior Union of the Universalist church will give an entertainment in the chapel next Friday evening, which will consist of a hoop drill, recitations, vocal and instrumental music.

The Woman's Relief Corps is arranging for the presentation of the farce, "The box of cigarets," during the first of next month. Parts have been assigned, and rehearsals will soon commence.

All three of Rufus Flynt's dogs won prizes at the Hartford dog show this week. The bloodhound "Statesman" took a first special, as did the pointer "Flintlock," while the pointer "Tick" took a first.

A regular communication of Thomas lodge was held in Masonic Hall Monday evening W. M., D. L. Bodfish and D. D. G. M., G. H. Wilkins attended a meeting of the grand lodge in Boston Wednesday.

The Palmer Gun Club is making arrangements for a clay pigeon shoot on the afternoon of Lexington Day. It is expected that members from the Ware, Belchertown, Monson and Brookfield clubs will participate.

A special free train will be run to the Democratic caucus at the town house this evening, leaving Palmer at 7 10, and the upper crossing at Thorndike at 7 20; after the caucus the train will return to both villages.

The registrars of voters will hold a session, for the purpose of revising the voting lists for the annual town meeting, in the district court room to-morrow from 12 o'clock noon, until 10 o'clock p. m. At that time registration will cease.

E. D. Tufts returned this week from New Jersey, where he has been traveling in the interests of the Keating Wheel Company. Mr. Tufts has finished his work for the company, and will now devote his whole time to his bicycle business.

Mrs. C. D. Foster has moved from her farm on Thorndike road to a tenement of Wilson Lawrence on Thorndike street. Superintendent Shepard of the Palmer and Monson Electric Railway has hired the Foster place, and will soon move his family there.

C. J. Whitcomb has resigned his position with C. D. Holbrook and taken one in the bicycle repair department of E A. Buck & Co's. store. D E O'Connor succeeds Mr. Whitcomb with Mr. Holbrook, which position he formerly held.

Extensive repairs are soon to be made at the Weeks House. The office is to be enlarged, as is also the dining room and kitchen, and six rooms are to be added upstairs These additions when completed will be greatly appreciated by the patrons of the house.

A very enjoyable temperance concert, consisting of declamations, singing, and an exercise entitled the "No-License Tree," was given in the Congregational church Sunday evening at 6 o'clock by the Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society, and was well attended.

A party from Wilbraham surprised Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith at their home on Pleasant street on Thursday evening of last week, and a very pleasant social time was passed. Before departing, the guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Smith with a beautiful parlor lamp.

There was a pleasant family gathering at the home of Mrs. L. E Chandler on Tuesday, when the birthday of her father, J. T. Leonard of Willimantic, was celebrated with a dinner party at which Mr. Leonard's brothers, Asa W. and Daniel W. of Monson, and their wives, were also present.

Ryder, Baker and Heck, the Wales boys who are charged with assaulting a party of girls with snowballs, injuring some of them badly, were arraigned in the district court Saturday. They pleaded not guilty and their cases were continued until April 4th. Bail was furnished in the sum of $100 each.

The many friends of District Attorney C. L. Gardner will be glad to learn of his election to the presidency of the Hampden Savings Bank of Springfield, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late John Mulligan. Mr. Gardner during his residence here was president of the local savings bank.

The seventh sermon in the series upon "The Making of a Man," by Rev. O. G. Petrie will be given in the Universalist church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The subject will be "Beside the carpenter's bench, or tools and the man." Last Sunday evening's sermon will be found upon the first page.

The first of the Lenten sermons at the Universalist church was given Wednesday evening by Rev. Harry F. Blackford of Monson. His text was "Think on these things," and was an able effort. The second sermon will be preached next Thursday evening by Rev. T. A. Fisher of Warren. The public is invited.

The first lecture in the course under the auspices of the Woman's Tuesday Club was given by Mrs. Annie Russell Marble of Worcester Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. B. Shaw. The next lecture will be given the 19th at the home of Mrs. W. E. Stone at 3 p. m. The lecturer will be Mrs. Marble, and the subject "Early poets and naturalists."

Rev. E. A. Paddock was to speak in the Congregational church Sunday evening. To avoid conflict with the Salvation Army meeting he will address the Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 o'clock. He is an unusual man, whose wit fairly takes an audience captive. He is from Idaho, and will speak on "A leaf of frontier home missionary experiences." Everybody is invited.

The Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company has closed a contract with the Central Massachusetts Electric Co. for power for its line. The superintendent has on file all the applications he can make use of for positions as conductors and motormen, and further applications will be useless. Local men will be employed, with possibly two exceptions. The trolley wire is all in place with the exception of a short piece which cannot be put in until the last moment. All the overhead work is done, and with a continuance of good weather a big gang of help will soon be at work laying the rails.

The local branch of the W. C. T. U. has received the following letter, which explains itself:

36 BROMFIELD ST., BOSTON,
FEB. 26TH, 1898.

To the W. C. T. U. of Palmer:—

Dear Friends—I appreciate your many kind invitations to visit you and say a word in the interests of your no-license campaign, but unfortunately I have not been able to accept any of your calls. I am now slowly recovering from a severe illness of two weeks with muscular neuralgia I fully sympathize with you in the great loss which you will sustain by Mr. Jenkins's departure to new fields. He is a minister after my own heart. The state can ill afford to part with men of the type of Mr. Jenkins and Rev. C. C. Jefferson of Chelsea (who goes to New York in April). I hope your election will result in a victory for no-license and the choice of officials in sympathy with it.

Yours truly, H. H. FAXON.

A lad of about half a dozen years was the victim of an accident Wednesday afternoon which might easily have proved serious, but which fortunately was without harmful results. He was standing at the corner of Main and Church streets, and as J. A. Palmer turned the corner with his horse and buggy the little fellow suddenly darted directly in front of the wheel of the vehicle. He was thrown down and the wheel passed over his hip, but he was hardly hurt. No blame can be attached to Mr. Palmer, as the lad did not move until the horse had nearly passed him, and Mr. Palmer did not see him at all, in fact did not know his team had struck anyone until told so by a bystander.

Felix Serrush of Thorndike was brought before the court Monday morning by Officer Luman, charged with assault, and his case was continued until the 19th. The case of John Hartnett of Three Rivers, charged with selling liquor to a minor, came up, but as the witnesses for the commonwealth did not put in an appearance and it is understood that they have left Three Rivers, he was discharged. Mrs. C. H. M. Blanchard was arraigned on a charge of cruelty to animals, preferred by J. A. Palmer, local agent for the long-named society. Her case was continued until to-morrow. It is alleged that Mrs. Blanchard has a cow which broke her leg about six weeks ago and is suffering to such an extent that it should be killed.

THORNDIKE.

The Y. P. S. C. E of the Congregational church will give a poverty party in the church vestry next Friday evening. A short entertainment will be given, and lunch will be served during the evening.

BONDSVILLE.

Miss Grace Taylor visited friends in Enfield several days this week.

Master Daniel Shewbrooks of Holden is visiting his aunt, Mrs Rufus Bond.

Mrs. E E Ryther is visiting her sister, Mrs. Holmes, at East Hill, Monson.

H. M. Ives moved into C. L. Holden's house on the Palmer road this week.

A man from West Warren has opened a shoe-making shop in Carmody's building.

Miss Maggie Nash of Athol visited her sister, Mrs. Michael Fenton, over Sunday.

The trolley wires for the electric railroad have been strung through the village this week.

Misses Jessie and Sadie Whiting visited their sister, Mrs. John Scott, at Springfield over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. St. Peters of Springfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sharratt over Sunday.

A large number of young people surprised Misses Sadie and Jessie Whiting at their home Thursday evening.

E E Hart, a prominent merchant of Bennington, Vt., was the guest of his brother-in-law, C. L. Holden, last week.

T. D. Potter & Co. commenced this week the erection of their new saw and planing mill, a building about 40 by 100 feet.

May Clough, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs George Alexander of South Belchertown, died at her home yesterday morning after an illness of several weeks.

Miss Mary Cautan and Albert Bashaud were married in St. Anne's church last Friday evening by Rev. J. A. Marchand of Three Rivers. The newly-wedded couple left Monday for Lawrence, where they will make their home.

Rev. R. E Smith lectured on "Courtship and marriage" in the Methodist church Wednesday evening. Mr. Smith only took up the first part of the subject, "courtship," and will give the last part attention at some other time. The lecture was very much enjoyed by the audience.

The trial of the young men arrested last week, charged with assault on F A. Alden, which was to be held Tuesday at Northampton, was postponed until next Friday. Mr. Alden was unable to go to Northampton Tuesday, and his testimony will be the most important. It is the general impression that the young men will escape with a light fine.

The result of the Belchertown town meeting was of considerable interest to people of this village. The old board of selectmen, who have been the objects of much criticism during the past year, were re-elected with one exception, and the town voted in favor of granting license by ten majority. This means that there will be at least one licensed saloon in South Belchertown during the coming year.

THREE RIVERS.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Bliss visited in Pittsfield this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Moore of Hartford, Ct., spent Sunday with H. R. Paine.

Miss Sadie Whitney of Ashburnham, Vt., is visiting Mrs. Hattie Dalrymple.

Misses Mary and Ada Atchinson of Ludlow are visiting their aunt, Miss Mary Atchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Strickland of Greenwich visited Mrs. D. S. Gray the first of the week.

John Proctor, Peter Shorkey and W. O. Twogood have recently purchased new wheels.

There will be a regular preaching service in the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

William Buckley and wife, former residents, visited friends and relatives in town this week.

Miss Etta Ruggles has resigned her position in the New York city nursery, and has returned home.

Mrs. Harriet S. Powell, who has been spending the winter with her daughter in Ware, has returned home.

A temperance concert under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. was given in the Baptist church on Sunday evening.

Oscar B. Sykes of Ludlow, a former resident of this place, spent a few days with friends in town the first of the week.

Communion was observed in the Union church on Sunday morning. Two new members were added to the church roll.

The auction at the Orcutt place on Baptist Hill lasted for two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, and everything but the farm was sold.

Rev. Alfred Noon of Boston, secretary of the Mass. Total Abstinence Society, will address a union no-license rally in one of the churches Sunday evening.

Rev. W. N. Tenney of Boston will give a temperance lecture, illustrated by stereopticon, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society in the Union church this evening.

The next and last lecture in the Baptist course will be given next Tuesday evening by Rev. F. B. Johnson of Lynn. Subject, "My old Kentucky home." Special singing in connection with the lecture.

Miss S. M. Fessenden of Boston delivered a temperance lecture in the Baptist church on Tuesday at 7 30 p. m. At 8 30 Frank W. Smith of Boston gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Mixed candies, or under which flag?"

Fell and Broke Two Ribs.

While James Brisnehan, a machinist employed in the Palmer Mill, was working in the picker-room Monday noon, the ladder upon which he stood slipped, throwing him to the floor. He struck on a fire pail and broke two of his ribs, the broken end of one piercing his lung. He was attended by Drs. Boulay and Bliss, and was sent to the Springfield House of Mercy hospital.

DELICACIES FROM ALL CLIMES.

Fresh Peas in Winter, and Winter Foods in Summer in Great Variety.

In these days progress is being rapidly made along all lines, and the steps of advancement are so many and varied that we cannot know of them all. We live right in the midst of this progress, and become so accustomed to the changes that we fail to appreciate their benefits and take them as a matter of course. It is only when we stop and consider the times of the past, the ways of our fathers, and contrast them with the present, that we realize how great and how beneficial the changes are. One of the greatest advancements which has been made in recent years, and which has now grown to extensive proportions, is the canning of food. Not so many years ago this was practically unknown, but now canned goods are universally used, canning plants are operating all over the world, and every article of food which can be eaten is canned and in that form placed upon the market. The advantages of this method of furnishing food are obvious. It has wrought a great change in the fare of seamen, those upon the water, and those who are absent for a time from the vicinity of produce markets. Whereas they were once compelled to live upon plain food and that day after day, as the sailors used to have pork and beans one day and then for a change, beans and pork the next, and so on until they arrived in port, they now can have all the various luxuries. With the people at large canned food has proven itself very popular; being prepared, little time is consumed in getting it ready for the table, and housekeepers would hardly know what to do without them. This little talk on canned goods was prompted by a visit to Foley's grocery store, where we were shown a very large and elegant line of canned goods, prepared by the best concerns in the country. He has such a large amount on hand, which he wishes to close out, that in order to do so he is making a sweeping reduction in all his prices. We would state to our readers a few of these prices, which are very low: Canned corn, 7c a can, 4 cans for 25c, canned peas, 7c a can, 4 cans for 25c, canned peaches 10c, 3 for 25c, canned pineapple, 10c a can; canned clams, 10c a can, 3 for 25c. These goods are first-class, and considering the prices at which they are offered, are indeed bargains.

Itchiness of the Skin and Eczema.

The only remedy in the world that will at once stop Itchiness of the Skin on any part of the body that is absolutely safe and never failing, is Doan's Ointment. Free samples at C. A. LeGro's, druggist, Palmer' Mass.

WANTED.—Girl to do light housework. Address BOX 477, Palmer, Mass.

TO RENT.—The Harris house on Pleasant street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 30-tf

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. Apply to H. S. HOLDEN. 44-tf

SEWING Machine Needles and Oil for sale by D. MULVIHILL, Caryl's block, Palmer.

BICYCLES REPAIRED and wheels checked. Munger's Block, South Main street GEORGE W. HILLS. 50-4

TO RENT.—Paint Shop and blacksmith shop, South Main street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 12-tf

FOR SALE.—Two desirable building lots in Palmer, together or separately. Terms easy. Inquire of A. L. HILLS, Palmer, or R. A. McQUAID, Chatham, N. Y.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN, SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Lovina Perry, late of Monson, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Lucy Hovey of Monson, in said County of Hampden, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, on the sixth day of April, A. D., 1898, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in Palmer, in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES L. LONG, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Regis-ter. 50-3

THE HARBINGERS OF SPRING.

MILLINERY OPENINGS

. . . will take place . . .

Wednesday and Thursday, March 23d and 24th.

A practical demonstration of what you read in the acknowledged Fashion Delineators, and everybody is welcome

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350 Main Street, SPRINGFIELD.

Forbes & Wallace.

Springfield, March, 1898.

New Dress Goods.

In new dress goods for spring wear, black and colored, we already have in the neighborhood of five hundred different things to show. This assortment consists of about every new fabric that will be popular this spring, at prices ranging from 12½c per yard through every step of worth, style and exclusiveness to $25 a dress pattern.

You, who wish a dress pattern that nobody else may have a duplicate of, had better come now, while our stock of these exclusive things are full. We have nearly 100 dresses, every one different, in price from $10 to $25. When these go other things will take their place, of course, but every one of these should be seen if you wish to pick the best. Write for samples.

Carpet.

Carpet buying for spring is well under way, and you, who intend getting new carpets in the near future, may as well join the people who are coming. The stock is now in better shape than it will be later. Every best thing of the season is here.

This year our carpets will commend themselves even more than ever to purchasers.

The Tapestries, for their superior quality, at the same price as last year. Also, for their beautiful effects. You never saw Tapestry carpets that reminded you so much of the Velvets before—quality or patterns.

The Body Brussels, all the best makes—for the number and exclusiveness of new patterns.

The Velvets, for their greater, softer beauty than ever.

The Ingrains for the big and unexampled variety of qualities and patterns.

Mattings.

We are making a big show of Mattings. Hundreds and hundreds of rolls are now on our floors. And matting prices here are the lowest—the very lowest. We are putting out mattings at unmatchable prices for this section—for instance:—

9c per yd! 15c per yd!
20c per yd. 25c per yd!
Up to 50c per yd!

Forbes & Wallace,

Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

BODFISH, PALMER.

OUR SPECIAL SALE

this month will commence

March 12th ...and last... until March 21st.

OUR BARGAINS:

Men's Fast Black Half Hose,	10c, 3 pair for 25c
1 lot Men's Ties, worth 50c,	39c
1 lot Ladies' Fast Black Hose,	15c, 4 pair for 50c
1 lot Ladies' and Children's Medium Weight Underwear, now only	19c
36-inch Percales going at	8c
Light Prints only	4c
Standard Apron Ginghams, for this sale only	4½c per yard

WRAPPERS, 69c TO CLOSE.

Ribbons and Laces in Abundance.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR BARGAINS

D. L. Bodfish, Cross Block, Palmer.

Gamwell's Clothing Store, Palmer.

Slaughter Sale of Overcoats and Ulsters.

For the next 30 days I offer my remaining stock of Overcoats and Ulsters at the following ridiculously low figures:

$22 Coats for $15.
$20 Coats for $13.50.
$18 Coats for $11.25.
$16 Coats for $10.

OTHER GRADES AT CORRESPONDING FIGURES.

Now's your time--you'll never have another such opportunity.

Everything a Man Needs in the Clothing Line.

THE NEW STORE.

Call in and see us or send in your orders, and learn what we can do for you on prices.

ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WE QUOTE

SPECIAL BARGAIN PRICES

FOR ONE WEEK FROM DATE.

Be sure and get your order in before the goods are closed out.

CALIFORNIA HAMS, per lb.	7c
CROWN FLAKES, a new and popular Cereal, per package only	5c
ROLLED OATS, Quail Brand, equal if not superior to any Rolled Oat ever produced, per package	10c
EVAPORATED PEACHES, per lb.	10c
RAISINS, nice quality	5c
ENGLISH WALNUTS, best quality, per lb.	10c, 3 lbs., 25c
BEANS, best hand picked pea bean, per quart	5c
TOMATOES, standard quality	3 cans for 25c
LIMA BEANS, a nice bean, special bargain price, per can	8c
ORCHARD PEAS, a nice Pea, worth 10c, our price	8c
BLACKBERRIES, good Berries, but light syrup. Put up to sell for 10c per can, our price this sale	5c
SQUASH, Gold Coin Brand, fine quality, per can	9c
RICE, a good cooking Rice	5c

We carry several grades of Rice, including the very finest fancy Head Rice, and can surely please you, both in price and quality.

C. HITCHCOCK & CO.,

Nassowanno House Block.

Palmer, March 11th.

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Personal and careful attention given all operations.

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of every kind placed at short notice, and all favors duly appreciated.

Yours truly,
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LEGRO'S CHERRY BALSAM

Will stop your COUGH And cure your COLD.

A family medicine for children and adults.

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LEGRO'S, MAIN ST., PALMER.

TENEMENT TO RENT.

Inquire of MRS. M. O. WOOD, School street, or address at Springfield, E. J. WOOD. 31-tf

FARM FOR SALE on road from Thorndike to Bondsville. New buildings, story and half house, 7 rooms. Barn 30 x 35, out buildings and 3d acres land, part woodland. Reasonable price. MRS. JAMES BUNN, 48-3 Bondsville, Mass.

TOWN OF PALMER.
ASSESSORS' NOTICE

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer will be in session at the District Court Room in the Depot Village on Saturday evening, March 12th, 1898, from 7 to 10 o'clock, for the purpose of assessing any who may wish to vote in the coming town election. 48-3 PER ORDER BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

REGISTRARS' NOTICE.

The Registrars of Voters will hold sessions for the purpose of revising the voting lists for the annual Town Meeting, March 21, 1898, as follows:

At the office of the Palmer Mill in Three Rivers, on Tuesday, March 1st, from 2 to 4 p. m.

At the office of the Boston Duck Co. in Bondsville, on Thursday, March 3

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 11, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Town Meeting Talk.

Caucus talk is heard to some exteut. The Republican town committee has decided to adopt the Australian ballot system for voting in the caucus, and one petition is being circulated, it is said. The present board of selectmen, composed of two Republicans and one Democrat,—one of the former having been elected on the Democratic ticket,—seems to have served the town satisfactorily, and it is thought, would be reflected if willing to stand. Mr. McCray, at least, is a candidate. M. F. Moore and A. N. Beebe are the two members of the school board whose terms expire. The petition above referred to is that of S. S. Closson, who has for years evinced a deep interest in the affairs of the town in general, and in the schools in particular, but as the retiring members of the school board are considered efficient men they are likely to be their own successors. A road commissioner is to be elected, and prominent among the names mentioned for that office are those of A. D. Norcross and O. C. McCray. Both having served the town in various capacities, are well known to the voters. Mr. Norcross is a firm believer in macadam, and while selectman put in good strips of it on Main street and secured a mile of state road. Mr. McCray, during the past year, has put in good strips of gravel road, and hopes to see more state road this year. The Monson Cycle League and the Business Men's Association, the two organizations formed this winter, are likely to be powers in town elections, although they do not pose, by any means, as political organizations. A matter which the voters will be called upon to decide at the town meeting is that of remodeling the stage of Memorial Hall. Some time ago the JOURNAL expressed the views of some of the voters in regard to this subject. During this week the selectmen have taken measurements of the present stage, ante-rooms, etc., and have consulted Contractor Danforth, who will present plans for the approval of the selectmen, and they will in turn present the best plans to the voters. While the present stage is hardly deep enough for the setting of a play, it is thought that it would be rather a difficult matter to extend the building toward the east, owing to the slope of the roof, so the selectmen are likely to suggest the changing of the circular shape of the stage to square, the addition of curtain-like scenery on rollers suspended above the stage, and a drop curtain.

Fourth Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church.

Presiding Elder Knowles of the Springfield district held the last quarterly conference of the year in the Methodist church last evening. Reports of the year's work were given by the pastor, Rev. A. R. Nichols, and the various officers and committees. Dr. Knowles expressed himself as pleased with the standing of the church. The sum of about $2000 has been raised for current expenses, including the salaries of the pastor and sexton, fuel, electric lights, painting the exterior of the church edifice, and reducing the debt on the parsonage to the amount of $100. The pastor reported that $275 had been raised for benevoleucies; that nine had joined the church in full and eight on probation; that there are 20 subscribers to *Zion's Herald* and 32 to the *Epworth Herald*; that the Sunday school has shown an increase in attendance and collections, and all the interests of the church, financial and spiritual, are in good and hopeful condition. The Epworth League raised $60 during the year; foreign missions have received $130; the Ladies' Benevolent Society has about $50 in the treasury and has expended about $25 in parsonage supplies. The conference unanimously desired the return of the pastor for next year.

Post Office Box Rents to be Raised.

Postmaster Herlihy has received instructions from Washington that, beginning April 1st, the box rents at the Monson post office will be raised to the following rates: Call boxes which have previously been 15 cents per quarter will be raised to 25 cents per quarter; small lock boxes previously 30 cents will be raised to 35 cents per quarter; medium lock boxes previously 45 cents are raised to 50 cents per quarter; lock drawers previously 60 cents are raised to 75 cents per quarter. The department suggested making a raise in the box rents last year, but was urged by Mr. Herlihy not to do so; the change however has been made this year regardless of his advice.

Death of Mrs. Hill at Hartford.

Mrs. Jane E. Hill, for a long time a resident of Monson, died at the home of her son, 57 Benton street, Hartford, last week Thursday at the age of 69. Death was the result of a shock which she sustained a few days before, and from heart trouble. The deceased was born in Potsdam, N. Y. She moved from Monson to Hartford about two years ago, and has been living with her son, William A. Hill, who is employed in the composing room of the Hartford *Courant*, and who is her only surviving son. Another son, Charles E., died about two years and a half ago. Mrs Hill was a member of the Congregational church at Stafford. She gained many friends while living in Monson.

Flagman at the Depot Crossing.

It is very gratifying to the citizens of Monson to learn that a flagman has been placed at the Central Vermont railroad crossing at the depot. It was with no little difficulty that this action has been brought about. It has been talked of for a number of years, but no action taken until the present board of selectmen placed the matter in the hands of Lawyer Carroll of Springfield, and a few days ago Station Agent Thompson received instructions from the company to hire a flagman. A man will be temporarily placed at the crossing until definite arrangements can be made.

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MARK DOWN SALE

IS OVER,

and as a consequence there is hardly a pair of shop worn or broken line of shoes in the store.

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are all bought and are arriving daily. A finer line never before was shown in Monson.

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THE NEWEST THINGS FOR SPRING IN THE KIND OF SHOES THAT WEAR . . . .

VISIT

FULLER, the SHOEIST,

. . . Monson. . . .

Library Association's Annual Meeting.

At a meeting of the Monson Free Library and Reading Room Association Monday evening these officers were elected for the coming year: President, Dr. G. E. Fuller; vice president and secretary, Edward F. Morris; treasurer, Soloman F. Cushman; director for five years, B. A. Day. The report of the librarian for the year ending February 28th, was as follows: Total number of volumes in the library, 6494; of this number about fifteen have been exchanged, worn out and not replaced, and others taken out of circulation; accessions during the year, 444,—408 by purchase and 36 by gifts as follows: O. D. Munn, New York, 7; E F. Morris, Monson, 2; R. C. Winthrop, Boston, 1; T. W. Keufick, Palmer, 1; Hou. F. H. Gillett, Springfield, 1; Miss Sarah Bradford, Monson, 1; McCormick Har. Machine Company, Chicago, 1; United States goverment, 13; state of Massachusetts, 9. The library has been open 305 days during the year; number of persons drawing books for home use, 702, an increase of 28 over last year; total circulation for the year, 10,635; average daily, about 35, not including the large number of books read in the room. In the reading-room there are 34 newspapers and magazines regularly on file, 29 of which are subscribed for by the association. The recent classification and re-cataloguing of the library has been found to be of great benefit to the users of the institution. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury of $14 72, the total expenditures being $1471 78, and the total income $1486 50 The legacy of $10,000 to the library from Mrs. Horatio Lyon has been paid, but is not included in the treasurer's report. Miss Nellie F. Squier was reflected librarian.

A. A. Babbitt has been in Boston a few days this week.

Miss L. I. Williams is in New York this week on a business trip.

Frank McKenna is able to be out again after a few weeks' illness.

Ralph Clifford returned Tuesday from a short trip through the West.

E. J. Osborne is painting James Pendergast's block on Main street.

Miss Minnie Corbin of Brimfield has been visiting Mrs. Mary Markham.

Dorance Colburn, who was taken quite ill the first of the week, is improving.

Mrs. George C. Flynt and son Henry are visiting relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Beebe are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mrs. W. S. Best of Boston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace Squier on Washington street.

T. F. Jordan of Stafford Springs has been secured by the Monson Cornet band for its director.

Mrs. C. M. Gage was called to Warren this week on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. Blair.

Darling & McCarthy opened their lunch room in the basement of Dunham's block last evening.

Miss Mollie Lathrop of Stafford Springs has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cusbman.

Mrs. Edward James of Westfield is visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Needham on Harrison avenue.

Fiske Bacon is about to move his family from North Main street into Robert Lewis's house on Pearl street.

Mrs. Cyrus Messinger and Mrs. Stillman Breckenridge of West Springfield are visiting David B. Needham.

The subject of the Lenten lecture at the Congregational church next Sunday evening is "Jesus and science."

William H. Wilcox is about to sever his connection with S. F. Cushman, Jr, and take a position in Springfield.

Miss Ethel Shaw of Athol is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Shaw on Cusbman street.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Monson Cooperative Creamery Association was held in Memorial Hall this afternoon.

Rev. Harry Blackford will take for his subject at the Universalist church next Sunday morning, "Lessons from the life of Frances Willard."

There was a good attendance at the supper and entertainment given in the Methodist church Wednesday evening by the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Stephen Lamb of Moulton Hill, while chopping in the woods a few days ago, caught his ax on a limb and cut a severe gash in his forehead.

Rev. E. A. Paddock, who shares with Mr. Puddefoot the fame of a brilliant frontiersman, will speak in the Congregational church Sunday morning.

The Odd Fellows are planning to hold a social and whist party in their lodge room in the bank block next Tuesday evening. All Odd Fellows and their families are invited

The meeting of the South Circle of King's Daughters, which was postponed last Friday evening on account of the bad weather, will be held at Miss Hattie Orcutt's this evening at 7 30.

The supper and entertainment with which the Dorcas society will close its season will be given Monday evening, March 21st, and preparations therefore are already in progress.

L. N. Howard, employed at R. M. Reynolds's straw shop, is ill at bis home on Hampden avenue with scarlet fever. This seems to be the only case in Monson at the present time.

The members of the Windsor Club entertained a few of their lady friends at the club rooms last evening, the time being principally spent in playing whist, after which a collation was served.

The telephone exchange, which has been located in A. Michelman's store in Dunham's block, is to be changed to H. Butler's bakery on Main street. Miss Nellie Parker will continue to have charge.

The Amherst College glee, banjo and mandolin club gave an excellent entertainment to a large audience in Memorial Hall Monday evening. The Monson Cycle League will realize about $50 from it.

Miss Ruth Maria Sites, late of Foochow, China, will speak in the Methodist church next Friday evening under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. Miss Sites is a brilliant and cultured young woman, and a most charming public speaker. The public is cordially invited so be present.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E C. Peterson and daughter, who have been staying at the Century House for the past year and a half, returned Tuesday to their home in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have made a great many friends during their stay in Monson, who will regret their departure. Mr. Peterson is an artist, and has painted a large number of portraits in this section since he came East.

The first of the series of Lenten sermons at the Universalist church was preached by Rev. M. H. Harris, D. D., of Worcester Tuesday night to a good audience. The next service will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when Rev. Charles H. Puffer of Salem will speak. Mr. Puffer is well known to a large number of Monson people, having preached in Monson several times and being a graduate of the Academy. Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield has been secured for Monday evening, March 21st.

At the adjourned meeting of the Business Association Tuesday evening, the following executive board was elected: George C. Flynt, George L Keeney, Horace D. Moulton, Dr. George E. Fuller and Robert H. Cushman. There are now forty-two members. It was decided that those who had already signed the papers that have been circulated about the town could become members by signing the constitution at George L. Fuller's and paying the required fee, without further action on the part of the association.

The first of the series of parlor lectures by Mrs. Annie Russell Marble of Worcester, under the auspices of the Current Events Club, was given Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Esther R. Holmes, the subject being "First impulses toward literature; annals and narratives of Virginia and New England." There was a large attendance, and the lecture was much enjoyed. The next will be given next Tuesday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. F. Cushman, Jr, and the subject, "Early poets and naturalists."

Miss Kate Foley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Foley, died at her home on North Main street Saturday about noon. Miss Foley had been at Colorado Springs for the past two years on account of ill health, but returned about two mouths ago somewhat improved, until Friday, when heart failure set in. The deceased was 27 years of age, and was very popular among her acquaintances. She leaves three brothers, M. J. and Timothy Foley of this town, and J. M. Foley of Rochester, N. Y., also four sisters, Mrs. William Hughes, Annie and Lizzie Foley of this place, and Mrs. E. J. Lyons of Hudson, N. Y. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church Monday morning at 9 30 o'clock.

HAMPDEN.

Miss Hattie Isham has been visiting in Springfield.

The public schools closed Friday for the spring vacation. They will reopen the 28th.

Pliny C. Allen, proprietor of the Allen House, died Saturday morning after quite a lengthy illness. Mr. Allen was well known in Hampden, and his death is the cause of much regret. The funeral was held from his late residence Wednesday at 12 m.

WEST WARREN.

Mrs. John Shaw visited friends in Palmer last week.

Miss Rose A Johnson of Worcester visited at her home here last Wednesday.

W. T. Carlisl has disposed of his meat and provision market on North street, and will go to Springfield next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cary and children visited at his father's last Sunday. Mr Cary left here last spring with the Blake pump works for Cambridge, but recently has taken a position at Millbury.

LUDLOW.

Charles W. Nash has been confined to his home by an attack of malarial fever.

The Ludlow Manufacturing Company intends to build several houses this spriug.

The family of Rev. W. A. Thomas have moved from Columbus, O, into the Park place.

Rev. R. E. Smith of Bondsville preached a strong sermon upon "Intemperance" in the Union church Sunday evening.

A large gang of men is at work upon the new bridge, and work is progressing rapidly. Piles have been sunk in the river-bed, and the wooden trestle, upon which the iron work is to rest, is in place.

LUDLOW CENTER.

E N. Fisher has resigned his position as lecturer of the Ludlow Grange.

The King's Daughters will give a "bluejay" social and maple syrup supper in the Grange hall this evening.

The Grange has accepted the invitation to go to Wilbraham next Wednesday and present the drama "Dame Plunkett's singing school."

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has reorganized with the following officers: President, Mrs. James White; vice president, Mrs. William Baker; secretary and treasurer, Miss Irene T. Jones; directors, Mrs. Hiram Jones, Mrs. Henry Munsing, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Edward Chapman, Mrs. Herbert White, Mrs. Warren Fuller The foreign missionary society has elected as officers: President, Mrs. Amelia J Clark; vice president, Mrs. E. J. Streeter; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Annie Hubbard.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Michal Lyons is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Ricker and Mrs. Munsell will entertain the Ladies' Society at Grace Union chapel this evening.

Business is good at the Collins Manufacturing Company's plant, the company having been obliged to run its finishing room three nights a week to keep up with orders.

John W. Baldwin for Postmaster.

John W. Baldwin has been recommended by Congressman Gillett as postmaster to succeed the late Charles E. Stacy. Mr. Baldwin was postmaster under Cleveland's administration, and was removed upon Mr. Stacy's appointment The sharp contest for the postmastership a year ago is still remembered, when the caucus of Republican voters to decide the matter was carried by Mr. Stacy over Mr. Fuller, the other candidate. Mr. Baldwin was a very efficient and obliging official, and nearly all the prominent Republicans ask for his appointment.

WALES.

W. A. Lyon, who has been confined to his house for three weeks, is getting out again.

The meetings at the Methodist church conducted by Rev. J. F. Buffum are well attended, and considerable interest is manifested. The meetings will continne next week.

W. Brown moved his family from Southbridge Wednesday, and can be found in the Luther house near the fountain. His teamster reports terrible travelling, as he left Southbridge at 11 a. m. and did not reach Wales until 1 the next morniug, making only about one mile an hour.

Mr. McGill and Mr. Wells of Brimfield conducted the services at the Baptist church last Sunday. Mr. Wells gave an interesting discourse in the morning, and in the evening Mr. McGill officiated in his usual interesting manner. Four persons went forward at the close of the evening service.

The neighbors of W. K. Green were surprised one morning to find his tenement vacant. So silently had its occupants flown that the other family living in the same house did not know they had left. It is reported that several of the merchants would not be averse to having Mr. Green return to town.

WILBRAHAM.

William Bell has rented the farm and house of Mrs. Agnes McCaw.

The present corps of teachers has been reelected by the school board

Miss Alice Flagg of Cambridge is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Flagg

Miss Ada Alden of Springfield was the guest of Miss Lillie A. Phelps over the Sabbath.

Mrs Ida D. Hall of Boston and Miss Jessie L Stockton were the musicians of the occasion.

The selectmen will close their accounts next Tuesday, and all bills must be presented before that time.

The Farmers' Club met Monday evening with James Richards on Maple street, and H. H. Burbank opened the discussion of the evening on "Commercial fertilizers."

The subject for the regular meeting of the Grange Wednesday eveniug was "The best method of exterminating common weeds," and the session was in charge of Mrs. C. S. Merrick and Miss Gertrude J. Weatherbee.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Methodist Memorial church was given in Fisk Hall Monday evening. Prof. H. B. Davis of Wesleyan Academy gave several humorous selections in a very acceptable manner.

F. A. Gurney Appointed Postmaster.

Frank A. Gurney, the merchant, was appointed postmaster by the authorities at Washington Friday. Mr. Gurney will at once build an addition to his store to accommodate the office. The appointment of Mr. Gurney gives general satisfaction. His appointment will make but a slight change in the location of the office, as it will be moved just across the street from its present location.

WARE.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bryson returned Friday from their Southern trip.

Tax Collector F. W. Farrar announces that all but about $50 of the taxes have been paid.

All articles for the town warrant must be in the hands of the selectmen on or before to-morrow.

The Republicans will hold a caucus in the district court room next Friday evening at 7 30 o'clock.

The George Wesson Ice Company and Springwater Ice Company's ice houses have been leased by the Ware Ice company.

About $50 was cleared on the debate between the senior and junior classes of the high school. The money will be expended for art decoration.

Mrs. C. S. Knight, 60, a former resident of Ware, died at Worcester on Thursday of last week. Her body was brought here Saturday for burial.

Herbert Demoud, 37, died Friday after a lingering illness. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from his late home on West Main street, Rev. J. W. Fulton officiating

Marshall L. Colton and James A. Buckley left Monday afternoon for Klondike, being the first from this town to start for the gold fields. A large crowd was at the depot to see them off.

The Young Men's Union corporation held its annual meeting Monday and elected the following officers: President, F. D. Gilmore; vice president, H. M. Morris; clerk, J. H. Feehan; treasurer, W. S. Hyde; directors, H. K. Hyde, F M. Sibley, J. J. Campbell.

Chief of Police Fitzgerald has submitted his annual report to the selectmen. The total number of arrests for the year was 185, an increase of 50 over last year. This is due to the fact that every tramp which applied for and received a night's lodging at the police station was taken before the court, many of whom were sent to Bridgewater.

HOLLAND.

A social was held in the town hall Thursday evening.

Erving Goodell of Stafford, Ct, is the guest of Willie Bennett.

A new and commodious hookcase has been placed in the Centre schoolroom

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roper entertained friends from Waltham over Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Webber has been spending the past week with Mrs. Holmes of Sturbridge.

Charles Lawrence of Worcester was the guest of his friend, Carl Howlett, over Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Howlett and Mrs. Willie Webber visited friends in Stafford, Ct., Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Webber returned Monday from a visit of several days with relatives in Warren.

Mrs. John Welherell of Brimfield is in town for a short time, acting as housekeeper for Carl Howlett

Landlord Morrell, who has been ill and under the doctor's care for several days, is again able to be out.

Henry Curtis went to Union, Ct, Monday, where he has found employment and will remain several weeks.

Horace Wallis of Waltham, formerly of this place, was in town recently calling on old neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Marselle and little son Arthur spent several days last week visiting friends out of town, returning Wednesday.

Loring Howlett of West Brookfield lately made a short visit to his sisters, Mrs. Otis Williams and Miss Louisa Howlett.

The Horace Wallis farm, advertised for sale at public auction Monday, was purchased by the mortgagee, Lyman E. Moore of Union, Ct.

Arrangements are being made by a number of the towns people to attend the drama to be given in Grand Army Hall, Fiskdale, Friday evening.

Mrs. Charles Webster of Union, Ct., with her daughter Marion, visited several days last week with Mrs. Webster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F B. Blodgett.

At a meeting of the Congregational society Tuesday the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Parish committee, Francis Wight, F. B Blodgett and S. L. Howlett; treasurer, F. Wight; clerk, F. Blodgett; collector, Charles Webber.

BELCHERTOWN.

Mrs. H. D. Longley has returned from a visit with friends in Boston.

Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Newton will remove to the Norton house on Maple street.

W. A. Snow has been appointed by the selectmen as state burial agent, and also sealer of weights and measures

F L Plantiff is visiting in Waltham. P. E Chamsey of Easthampton is in charge of Mr. Plantiff's office during his absence.

Rev. W. Baird of West Springfield will preach in the Methodist church Sunday. Eight members were added to the church last Sunday.

The Massachusetts creamery association will hold an institute in Belchertown the 17th, by invitation of the Farmers and Mechanics' Club.

A euchre party was held at the Park View Tuesday evening The following are the names of the prize winners: First prizes, Mrs. R H. Long and David Shumway; second, Mrs. E. S. Bridgman and G. C. Allen, Jr; booby, Miss Mattie Clark and Frank Bridgman.

Death of an Aged Citizen.

Phineas Reddington Munsell, 90, died at his home in the Turkey Hill district Saturday. He had been in failing health for some time. Mr. Munsell was born in Belchertown in 1808, and spent the greater part of his life there. He leaves a daughter, Miss Arminica Munsell, with whom he made his home, and two sons, Emery of Belchertown and Ambrose of Enfield. The funeral was held Tuesday at his late home, Rev. G W. Locke conducting the service.

Monday's Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting was held Monday and passed off in about the usual manner. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk C. E Scott at 10 15 Samuel Allen was chosen moderator. It was voted to instruct the assessors to abate the tax for 1897 assessed against the R H. Long Manufacturing Company, also to instruct the selectmen to take the necessary measures to abolish the grade crossing at the depot in Belchertown The sum of $100 was appropriated for the purpose of putting in a bath tub and relaying two floors at the almshouse; $40 was voted to defray the expense of keeping in repair the several town burying grounds. Two changes were made in the list of jurors, Michael Cavin and George Fisher being chosen in place of William Belding and Jason Hulburt. The whole number of votes cast was 310. The following appropriations were made:

Schools, $4600; school books and supplies, $400; repairs and furnishings, $600; highways and bridges, $2500 (of which $1500 is for permanent improvement); burial grounds, $40; sidewalks, $700; town and pauper expenses, $3600; for the guild, to assist in street lighting, $100; repairs at almshouse, $100; total appropriations, $12,440.

The following officers were chosen:

Moderator, Samuel Allen; town clerk, C. E. Scott; treasurer, Arthur Bridgman; tax collector, Myron S. Barton; selectmen and overseers of the poor, W. E. Bridgman, Nelson Randall and George E. Sanford; assessors, Guy C. Allen, A. C. Smith and H. C. West; school committee, M. A. Morse; constables, M. S. Barton, L. W. Dillon, E. A. Farnington, J. B. Markham and David R. Ward; fence-viewers, G. H. Munsell, A. D. Randall and Rufus Capen; measurers of wood, W. E. Bridgman, Joseph Bush, Guy C. Allen, Thomas Jenks, A. L. Pratt, E. C Witt, F. L. Stebbins and C. E. Scott; surveyors of lumber, Thomas Jenks, F. L. Stebbins, Francis Blackmer, Homer Pratt, E. C. Cummings, George E. Sanford, E. S. Snow and George Guest; field drivers, Henry Jucket, Edward Gay, F. E. Burnett, Roswell Allen, Lyman Jenks and Samuel Allen; almoners of Whiting street fund, Mrs. Guy C. Allen and Mrs. H. F. Curtis; committee on Susan M. D. Bridgman fund, Mrs. Guy C. Allen and Mrs. H. F. Curtis.

WARREN.

The King's Daughters met with Miss Alice Canning this afternoon.

James Bridges is critically ill with paralysis at his residence on Elm street.

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A kidney education starts with: Backache means kidney ache, lame back means lame kidneys, weak back means weak kidneys, cure means Doan's Kidney Pills. Read about the free distribution in this paper and call at C. A. LeGro's, druggist, Palmer, Mass.

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Miss Edith Canning of Boston is spending the week at her home on Burbank avenue.

The ladies of the Universalist church gave a "honey tea" in Grand Army Hall last night.

Rev. Minosuki Yamaguci, a Japanese, will occupy the Congregational pulpit Sunday morning.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society met with Mrs. Joseph Hitchcock Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Alice Buck and Miss Florence Holman will spend part of the vacation in Washington.

On account of a slackness of work, the Slater Engine Co. is running on a five-hour schedule this week

The schools closed to-day for a two-weeks' vacation. Miss Rogers of the grammar room and Miss Rolfe of the sub-grammar have resigned their positions.

Rev. W. B. Forbush delivered a temperance address at Brookfield Sunday night, Rev. E B Blanchard of Brookfield supplying his pulpit for the evening service.

Death of Mrs. Shepard Blair.

In the death of Mrs. Shepard Blair, which occurred at her late home on Maple street Tuesday, Warren loses a woman of rare strength and force of character Mary Ann Bishop was born in Homer, N Y., Nov. 4th, 1817, the daughter of Captain Harris ou Bishop. Capt. Bishop removed his family to Brimfield and later to Warren, where he was a member of Bishop & Ferry, which occupied the old corner store. About fifty years ago she married Shepard Blair. The first cause to which Mrs. Blair adhered with the loyalty which was so strongly her characteristic was that of abolition She and Mr. Blair were among the few who, on account of their belief in this, broke away from the Congregational church and established the Methodist church. Refugees and freedmen always found in her a true and faithful friend. A long-time and dear friend of Lucy Stone Blackwell, she early espoused the cause of woman's suffrage, when to do so was, to say the least, unpopular. On the temperance question she never wavered. Her work in this cause is best shown by the fact that the local W. C. T. U has nearly raised the necessary funds to donate to the Woman's temple in Chicago, that her name may be inscribed with those whom, for their faithfulness and loyalty to this cause, the nation delights to honor. While her interests were thus wide she never forgot the needy at home, she was ever ready to give not only of material things but of kindly counsel and helpful sympathy to all who appealed to her for aid. Loyalty to principle, and to neighbor and friend, was the watchword of her life. Four children, Charles of Warren, Harry of Springfield, Mrs. Carlos Gage of Monson, and Margaret, who resides at home, survive her. The funeral was held from her home this afternoon.

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To John P. Eastman, Constable of the Town of Palmer. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A at the Engine House, on Park street, in the Depot Village; in Precinct B at Exchange Hall, on Commercial street, in Thorndike; in Precinct C at the room occupied by the Athletic Club, near the dwelling house of Charles S. Ruggles, on East Main street, in Three Rivers; and in Precinct D at Liberty Hall, on Main street, in Bondsville, on Monday, the 21st day of March, A. D., 1898, at half past six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot for the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town for the following town officers, to wit: Three selectmen, three assessors, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, two auditors, five constables, three fence viewers, all for the term of one year; one overseer of the poor for the term of three years; two members of the school committee for the term of three years; one member of the school committee for the term of two years; one member of the board of health for the term of three years; also a board of cemetery commissioners to consist of three members, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year; also to vote by ballot, which shall be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at half past six o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the 28th day of March, A. D., 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose two or more field drivers, measurers of wood and bark, and all other usual town officers.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to establish a town library, raise and appropriate money therefor, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 4. To act on the reports of the town officers.

ART. 5. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money not to be paid from the taxes of the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act on reports of committees.

ART. 9. To choose committees and give them instructions

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ART. 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 14. To act on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise money for the Young Men's Library Association.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the school committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families and the families of the slain, and instruct the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provisions of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1885.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to hire the present tramp room and lockup.

ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer or sewers in Park street, School street and Pearl street, with necessary connections, in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to locate an electric light at or near the corner of Pine and Pond streets in the Depot Village, and appropriate money for the same

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries of town officers, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Main street in Thorndike, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to accept and allow a road as laid out by the selectmen, in the Depot Village, and described as follows, viz: Beginning at the end of Central street and running in the same direction as Central street about 150 feet, through land of Oliver LaSalle to land of Charles E. Dewey.

ART 30. To see what action the town will take in regard to the claims of J. B. Burlingame and James La Croix, for injuries sustained by reason of alleged defects in highways of the town.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and repair the highway in said town leading from the Sikes place, so-called, to the Bourne place, so-called, in Three Rivers.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to be used in cutting down three hills on the road leading from Palmer Centre to Burleigh's Crossing.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk from a point near the house of John Ritchie, on Palmer street, to the corner of Front street, in the village of Three Rivers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer from a point near the house of James B. Shaw to a point near the house of E. G. Hastings on North Main street, in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 35. To see if the town will authorize any of its officers or appoint any agent to bring any suit in behalf of the town.

ART 36. To see if the town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars to build a sewer from the northerly side of High street near the house of D. J. Sullivan, connecting with the culvert under High street aforesaid, in the village of Thorndike, through the land of Dennis Leary to and connecting with the sewer in the lower part of School street in said Thorndike, permission being granted by the said Dennis Leary to build said sewer through his land

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to build sidewalks in Bondsville as follows, viz: From Parent's store on the east side of Main street to Spring street; also from Parent's store on the north side of the street leading to Forest Lake as far as the house of Father McKeaney, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer from a point near Parent's store westerly to the river at a point near the bridge.

ART. 39. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to straighten road on Main street from a point near the Church pool in the village of Thorndike to a point near the residence of George W. Keith.

ART 40. To see if the town will establish an arc light near the Farrell house on Prospect street in Bondsville and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART 41. To see

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Our Polly made a pie;
She took some flour and water
And some butter standing nigh;
And then she took some sugar 'cause
She says she likes things sweet,
And sprinkled on the rolling-board
All that she didn't eat.

She rolled it out a long, long time,
With salt, a little bit;
She dropped it four times on the floor,
And once she stepped on it.
She doesn't think pie-plates made of tin
Are pretty, so the took
A small red flower-pot saucer
Which was better for the cook.

She filled her pie with half a pear,
Two raisins and a date;
Then put it in the oven, and
Forgot it till quite late.
It was not burned, for Mary Ann
Had taken care of that;
So Polly gave a party to
The chickens and the cat.

—*Eleanor W. F. Bates, in the Outlook.*

THE MAKING OF A MAN.

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in time of trouble consoles and comforts by leading the mind to dwell upon higher realities and eternal things, a book will minister to the stricken or the weary soul by giving it deeper insight into the mysteries of God.

How many souls have been sustained and soothed by the Bible! how many by the hymns of the ages! howm any by the faith and hope of Whittier's Eternal Goodness, or the trust of In Memoriam! Literature has its relation to the lowliest life in this respect. Poem, and song, and story have made hearable what, without them, would have crazed or crushed. Warner calls our attention to the squalid life of the eastern deserts, and how it is relieved by the story-and teller the poet; Burns with his songs, and Scott with his stories rendered spleudid service to the poor people of Scotland. No man or woman can afford to be without this magic ministry of books to his freedom from care and burdens.

Books increase knowledge, grant freedom, and give power. I do not refer to the power that comes with information, though, as we have seen, that is no small part of the contribution made by books to the energy and efficiency of men. The general who knows the lay of the land, the strength of the enemy, the history of manœuvre, can win a victory over one who does not know. Intelligence is stronger than ignorance. Knowledge is power.

Nor do I refer to the power that comes through the study of hooks, in the increased keenness, quickness, and strength of conception and of memory, in the increased ability to concentrate attention, to grasp a fact in its widest relations, to hold it fast and use it. This power may come through conversation and through nature study, but it always comes with careful reading.

I have in mind the power that comes to us from contact with great souls. You go to hear Dr. Lorimer preach and you come out of Tremont Temple twice the man you were. It is not that he gives you so much information, as that he touches the secret springs of your nature, and by his fervor thaws out the frozen fountains of your hidden life and lets its pent-up waters gush forth. You and I cannot sit at the feet of many living men who can do this for us. But we can read the books in which men, living and dead, have put their fervent souls, and their earnest appeals to us. We cau read the sermons of Brooks: all the impassioned earnestness of his enthusiasm for humanity speaks in them. We can read the poems of Whittier: all the sweetness and strength of his simple soul are there. We can read the works of Browning: all the vigor and sturdiness and conscience of the man are in them. We can read the dramas of Shakespeare: how much more they say to us than he could have said if he had remained on earth to be our boon companion. We can read the words of Jesus: do you doubt that our Master is in them, or that his spirit speaks through them? Whoever reads good literature, the great books of the nations, the books of life written by the sternest, sweetest, purest, strongest souls—he shall be a strong man, he shall have not only high ideals of his duty but power to do it.

Not only is this threefold result accomplished by hooks, it can hardly he accomplished in any other way. It is by reading that men are made. Whatever you do for your children teach them to read and encourage their love for books. Whatever you do for yourself, fail not to spare some time to spend with books. Efficiency, happiness, power—this is their ministry to our life.

But this ministry is conditionated by our careful selection and intelligent use of literature. Indiscriminate reading, reading as a dissipatiou, will work the opposite results. The necessity of careful selection of what we read is apparent. No one can read one book out of a hundred that come from the presses, perhaps not one in a thousand. Then every one has his own life, his peculiar interests, his special needs, and to make the most of his life, to further these interests, to meet these needs he must choose certain books and shut his eyes to many alluring titles. He ought to read as widely as his time will permit; he should remember that all knowledge is connected and that if he specializ-s too much—reading nothing but science, or law, or medicine, or theology—he will fail in his specialty. He should not forget that whatever his profession, whatever his tastes, whatever his place or prospects in life, there are a few great books that he ought to read. Mabie has named four: Shakespeare, Dante, Homer and Goethe. Lubbock names a hundred books to read which he deems essential and perhaps adequate to a liberal education.

But choose one must. And first, one ought to exclude every bad hook. No one has time to read a single evil sentence, let alone an evil hook. There is no telling what its effect may he. Evil suggestions are hard to eradicate however they be given, and it is true, as Munger observes, that these that come hy reading are most persistent and most damaging to morality. I should like to speak a word that would so convince men and women of the perniciousness of bad books, magazines and papers that no newsdealer here would find it worth his while to keep a single copy of the *Fireside Companion* or of so-called Boy's Libraries, or indeed of any books or papers that would not be admittted to the best homes

Among hooks to he avoided I would class works of athiests and infidels—on this ground: that they tend to destroy a man's faith in and love for things that are really sacred; that they lead him to reject truth with error, good with bad. Ingersoll's lecture on the Bible, for example, does scant, if any justice to the high, true thought and spirit of it, to the life and teachings of

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"I've heard about dogs being afraid of their shadows," says George A. Allen of Auburn, "but until the other day I never saw a dog that was afraid of his own likeness in clay. A friend of mine owns a bulldog that can lick any dog in town. He's a born fighter, and he fights anything or anybody that comes along. Some brave dogs are afraid of a snowball; but it is not this dog. This dog comes at you full blast if you drop a snowhall at his feet. He is positively the ugliest dog I ever saw. The other day he came into the store and I was interested to know what he would do on being presented to a clay dog, and a pug at that. So while he was snuffling around under the counter I took down from the shelf a little pug dog and put it in the gangway. Then I whistled for the bulldog, and he saw the pug standing there looking at him. Now, of all the running and all the howling ever done by a dog, that bulldog beat the record. He went out the door like a shot and up the street yelling worse than any dog you ever heard, and he hasn't been in my store since. I expected he would tear my clay dog all to pieces."—*Lewiston (Me.) Journal.*

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By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Augusta Merritt of Brimfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, to Mary A. Lincoln of Warren, in the County of Worcester, dated June 19th, A. D., 1896, and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 542, Page 528. Will be sold at public auction near the house on the premises below described, on Saturday, the 19th day of March next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows: "A certain tract of land situated in the westerly part of Brimfield, in said County of Hampden, and bounded and described as follows to wit: "Beginning on the east side of highway leading from Palmer to Warren, on line of land of Isaac King, deceased, and being the southwest corner of land to be described; thence northeasterly on said King's land to Cook's Mountain, so-called, to a stake and stones, about two hundred rods; thence northerly on line of land now or late of Harvey Lyman and Hiram Powers; thence westerly on line of said Powers to stones on a rock about ninety-five rods; thence northerly on said Powers to a stake and stones about thirty-five rods; thence northwesterly on said Powers across Perry Brook, so-called, to the east end of reservoir dam, now or formerly of Henry Smith; thence southwesterly on line of land of the heirs of the late Dudley Blodgett to a stake and stones about eighty rods; thence on line of said heirs westerly to a stake and stones, at line of land now or late of Calvin Shaw, about eight rods; thence westerly on said Shaw's line to the County road leading from Palmer to Warren, about one hundred and twenty rods; thence southerly on said County road, about one hundred and seventy rods, to the first mentioned bound. Containing about one hundred acres, more or less,—with the buildings thereon, being a part of the land conveyed to me by Nathaniel P. Merrill, September 1st, 1891, and being all of the said land on the east side of said highway, said deed from said N. P. Merrill is recorded with said Hampden County Deeds In Book 482, Page 388."

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And every scowl a smile,
A better world than this is
Would hardly be worth while.

If purses would untighten
To meet a brother's need,
The load we bear would lighten
Above the grind of greed.

—*Chicago Journal.*

Jesus, but lays hold of, distorts and magnifies the errors and the frailties of the book, and denounces the entire fabric, which has sheltered and sustained the world's noblest life in spite of the mistakes of Moses. A young man who would have hooks minister to his usefulness, his happiness, his greatness, must let the hooks of negation alone, and confine himself to those which voice the Everlasting Yea of God and Duty. We can all afford to read books that help us to separate grain from chaff, that in a reverent spirit teach us to understand and to appreciate our hooks and our Bibles. Good, discriminating, fair criticism, whether of In Memoriam or the Book of Job, is an aid to the mind and to the soul. But criticism that sees only the human side of divine revelation, only the faults and errors of man's greatest achievements is hurtful and to be avoided.

Then we ought to leave out useless books. Among these I put novels with nothing but an exciting plot or an interesting style to commend them; novels in which no character has a good character or a strong one; novels that do not in some way help us while they amuse and divert our minds. The mind needs "light reading." It cannot always be solving problems. It cannot stand the strain of constant attention and thought. But it were better for the mind as well as for the eyes to sleep rather than to read much of the light literature put forth hy our press in the form of short stories or paper covered novels. It is possible to choose fiction that will be easy to read because simply conceived and told; that will make us acquainted with the inner life of men and women whose faces we know; that will transport us to England or to India, to a country hamlet or a city street; that will teach us a truer sympathy with our fellow-men, or give us a higher ideal of life.

We may be thankful that the hooks in our library are well chosen. Few, if any, hooks are added that will not minister to higher life in him that reads them. He who wants sensational and "brain-bleaching" books must buy them for himself: these are worth reading and of permanent value. They fulfill the requirement of intelligent and wise choice on the part or any reader, or of any parents for their children. Nevertheless parents should exercise close supervision of their children's reading. Books fit and good for mature minds may he unfit and bad for children's minds. This is not true of travel, adventure, biography, poetry, science, history. I have no fear that children will improve their minds by reading these, for they are not apt to read more than is good for them, and they are sure by such reading to lay the foundations of a large interest in the world, in affairs, in life, and to fill out the outlines of knowledge they get in the schools. The greatest men have been helped to greatness by reading solid books in their childhood; and it is a habit that might well be encouraged, though it should not be forced.

But a novel that might be harmless and even helpful to a young woman of twenty might be injurious to the simplicity and sweetness of the girl of fourteen. So let there be close but unostentatious watch of children's reading. If parents will talk with librarians and find out what books are good they may secure, by judicious commendation of them, such an industrious reading of them as will make it unnecessary to prohibit or to deprecate the reading of those which are ill-adapted or unfit.

Let those who choose for themselves, select hooks that will interest: there is not time to read anything for which one does not care. Let them select hooks which will help them in their work or in their profession; hooks that will widen their knowledge of the world; hooks that will make past centuries live again.

But choose first of all hooks that will lift you to the heights, hooks that will release your spirit from the routine and drudgery of life, hooks of power that men have written from their hearts.

These books you will own, if you are wise; you will want them at hand. I like to go into a home where there is a shelf of books well chosen, well bound, well used, well worn. Among them should be a Bible hearing the marks of intimate acquaintance; opening freely at familiar psalms and glorious prophecies, and precious promises; showing to the most casual observer that it ministers to life, to comfort, to spiritual saneness and health. There should be some volumes of history and of biography, telling the story of our land, of the English people, of the Roman Empire, of Greece and Rome, taking the mind back into heroic and glorious times.

There should be some volumes of poetry—Shakespeare at least, Tennyson, Browning, Whittier, Lowell, Longfellow and Holmes. There should be some classic fiction, selected from the works of Dickens and Scott, of Thackery and George Eliot, of Cooper and Hawthorne.

These volumes should be at hand on the table, counteracting the temptation of the daily paper or the newest magszine. The latter may help us pass the time, they may keep us abreast of the age, they may amuse us and instruct us, but the former will give us that largeness and serenity of life, that vigor and power of mind which we need both for true pleasure and for efficiency.

I do not propose to say much about how to read. A hook requires attention. You must put your mind to it. You must ask and answer its questions just as you would do if instead of it you were entertaining its author. If Homer were to come to Palmer and read the Iliad how you would bend forward in your seat, and watch every movement, note every tone, heed every word: do the same when you read the poem, and it will not fail of its ministry to you.

If Nansen should lecture here what an effort you would make to remember what he said so that you might talk it over with your friends. We do not charge our memories so much with the contents of books, because we have the hooks at hand. But we ought to make the contents of books our own; the memory ought to be given charge of the best thoughts, the finest passag-s, word for word if possible, so that the author's thought may the more surely become our personal possession.

Good books ought to be read aloud. A book may minister to the life of a household as well as the life of an individual. Who can tell how much more influence the Bible had in the old days when the family met for worship and the father read a chapter, than it has now where it is only read in silence by each one. So might every great story, poem, history, he read aloud in our homes with profit to the reader and his audience.

My friends, with such a wealth of thought and feeling and life in the literature of the world we ought not to be poor. Let us broach these treasures. Let us give all that we have to buy this field. Let us take time to read, whatever other pleasures we may miss. Let us use our great privilege of associating with the great souls of the race, and of receiving what they have to give us, let us endeavor to get intelligence and freedom and power from the ministry.

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Notice is hereby given that by reason of the breach of the conditions contained in the certain mortgage deed given by said William A. Benson to William A. Smith, of date October 30th, 1895, recorded with the Mass. Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Libro 525, Folio 518, and for purpose of foreclosure of it, said mortgage, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, there will be sold at public auction, on the premises, in Brimfield, Mass., on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain tract of land situated in the northwesterly part of Brimfield in our County of Hampden, on the westerly side of the road leading from "Burbank Mills," so-called, to Brimfield aforesaid, bounded: Commencing at a large stone near the "large" gate (which is the entrance to the premises from said road); thence N. 84° E. on line of said road 16 rods and 16 links to land now or formerly of Michael Brosnahan; thence southwesterly by land now or formerly of said Brosnahan to land now or formerly of Abner Nutting; thence southerly by land formerly of said Nutting to land now or formerly of Norman Powers; thence on line of land now or formerly of said Powers to land now or formerly of Charles Collis; thence on line of land now or formerly of said Collis to land now or formerly of Dauphin Brown; thence on land now or formerly of said Brown to the aforesaid highway or road; thence on said road to the first named bound; said tract of land containing one hundred and fifty acres of land, be the same more or less. Said tract of land being same premises described and conveyed by deed of William B. Ransdell to William A. Benson, of date May 1st, 1893, recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book No. 502, Page No. 442. Said premises are to be sold subject to a mortgage of said Benson to the Warren Savings Bank, of date May 1st, 1893, recorded with the said Registry of Deeds, Book No. 506, Page No. 128. Said mortgage to said Smith being a second mortgage.

Warren, Mass., March 2d, 1898.

WILLIAM A. SMITH, Mortgagee.

By E. C. SAWYER, his Attorney. 49-3

A CASE OF TOO MUCH IRISH.

"In the town where I first began the practice of the law, there was an Irishman, Patrick McDonald, whom every one called Pat. Now, Pat was a good-hearted fellow, but he didn't get along very well with his neighbors

"There was an easy-going fellow in the same town by the name of Wheelock. He was born in 1840 and his parents named him Harrison. In country towns the people are familiar with one another to the extent that names are abbreviated or paraphrased Every one knew this man as 'Hat' Wheelock.

"Well, Wheelock and Pat had some words over a horse trade. The language used was more expressive than elegant. According to Pat's version of the affair, Hat threatened to break his face. Anyway, Pat went before a justice of the peace and made affidavit that he was afraid that Hut would do him bodily injury.

"Hat, of course, was arrested. He got me to defend him. When the case was called Pat took the stand and related the story of how Hat had threatened to injure him. When he was turned over to me for cross-examination, I began:—

"'Now, Mr. McDonald, you say you are afraid of your life?'

"'I am, sor,' was his prompt reply.

"'Then you admit that Mr. Wheelock can whip you, do you?'

"His Irish was up in a flash.

"'Not by a d—n sight, sor; I can whip half a dozen like him.'

"'That's all, your honor,' I said to the justice, and he dismissed the case against Wheelock.—*Washington Star.*

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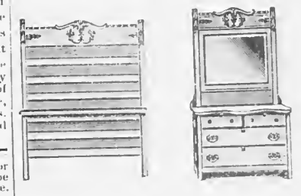

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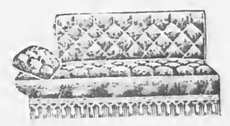

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Women of experience in ordering coffee from their grocer are careful to specify Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand Coffee, which comes in pound and two-pound tin cans, knowing that satisfaction accompanies every can.

Thousands of refined people who know and appreciate good coffee endorse this famous brand. The signature and the seal of these well-known importers guarantee its excellence.

But—They Didn't.

O, Harry came along the lane
And he was very late.
He hurried on to catch the train
And had no time to wait.
He must hasten!—but against the pane
He caught a glimpse of Kate
And he didn't, he didn't, he didn't.

O, Katie had her doughnuts cut,
Her sponge was light as air;
Her pies were in the oven shut
And needed all her care;
She must give them every moment, but
She spied young Harry there,
And she didn't, she didn't, she didn't.

O, Harry stopped and spoke a word
And spoke it very low;
And yet I think that Katie heard
And still believed it so;
Tho' all the while the youth averred
That he would have to go,—
But he didn't, he didn't, he didn't.

O, Katie said the fire was warm
And she was "like to drop;"
And Harry seemed to think his arm
Was needed as a prop;
And Katie was in such alarm
She said that he must stop,
But he didn't, he didn't, he didn't.

And as he held her to his breast
And thought of what he'd missed
With Katie waiting in her nest
Just longing to be kissed,
He bent his head, her face was hid,
I saw a flash and gleam
Of lovely eyes, and then—he *did*—
I thought the girl would scream,
But——, ——, ——!

—*J. E. V. Cook, in What to Eat.*

THE MAKING OF A MAN.

Mark 6: 2, 3—From whence hath this man these things? And what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter? And they were offended in him.

Jesus went up with his disciples to preach and to do good in Nazareth. But his old friends and neighbors looked askance. Among them he had no honor. He was one of the many who fail of success in their native places. The reason seems to have been two-fold. He was too familiar a figure; his brothers and sisters were commonplace people; people could not credit him with any such wisdom as would give him little to admonish them or teach them. Moreover, he had been a carpenter during his residence among them; had sawed and planed and hammered in his father's shop; had reared the walls and built the roofs of their simple houses; had made the plain tables and couches with which their homes were furnished. He had been a carpenter, faithful, honest, painstaking, industrious—but what title did that give him to preach? Whence had such an one the requisite wisdom to prophesy?

The answer to their ironic question is that his wisdom came from God, and that he had it because he had kept the divine elements of his nature always in the ascendency, so that his character had the strength and beauty of perfection, and his mind and soul were able to receive the complete revelation of his Father's love and holiness.

And we may say that his having been a carpenter, a working-man, constituted no reason for rejecting him so summarily, or for refusing the truth he brought them. We may even affirm that it was a reason for giving him the heartier welcome and the most earnest heed. For the working-man, as such is worthy of respect, and of praise. "Two men," says Carlyle, "two men I honor, and no third. First, the toil-worn Craftsman that with earth-worn Implement laboriously conquers the earth and makes her his. Venerable to me is the hard hand; crooked, coarse; wherein notwithstanding lies a cunning virtue, indefeasibly royal, as of the Sceptre of this planet. He is in his duty, be out of it who may. He is toiling for the indispensible, for daily bread. A second man I honor, and still more highly: Him who is seen toiling for the spiritually indispensible; not daily bread but the bread of Life."

All work has its dignity in the eyes of God. We measure it as high and low, as noble and ignoble, as free and servile—but God measures it in its relation to the well-being of the world, as an expression of the life he has given to man, and as a factor in the education of man's varied powers.

In the first place let us realize that the entire fabric of civilization has been woven by work. The great stones of the temple of modern life have not been lifted to their places by magic but by moil, and the fair, sweet spirit that consecrates it has come by thought and labor, by the knotting of men's brows and the bleeding of their hearts. We talk of the growth of society and of its evolution. But this growth depends on the applied energy of human life. You watch the tree put forth its buds, you watch the tender shoots reach out, you watch the coming of the blossoms and the maturing of the fruit—and all seems easy and done without labor. But could you see the constant activity of the cells that make up the woody fabric, could you watch the tiny rootlets absorbing the nourishing moisture of the soil, could you measure the tremendous, resistless pressure of the sap as it is sent from cell to cell to vivify the growing points of the tree, or to secrete its starch and oil and sugar in the fruit, you would know that work has its part even in the growth of a plant. Society grows in like manner. There are more branches in the tree every year, and every decade there is a new wealth of blossoms, and every generation there is a more splendid fruitage. Knowledge, wealth, the essentials and luxuries of man's three-fold life, steadily increase: more barrels of flour, more yards of cloth, more miles of railroads, more splendid buildings, more hooks, more of the essentials of culture. But this marvellous growth is no inevitable thing: it depends in part upon the labor of men. Some of them work in the air and sunlight, others down in the dark earth; some in the noisy factories, others in the quiet counting-room; some in the busy world of physical exertion, others in the no less busy world of thought: but wherever they work they have a necessary and vital part in the world's growth. See the difference between the industrious nations and the idle ones, and between the intelligent nations and the ignorant ones. Progress depends on vision and toil. Thinkers and workers have both their place, their duty, their glory when the work is done.

Of course, labor is not the ultimate reason for prosperity. There is something behind labor to inspire it; something to set the task and to hold the man to its performance. Motives underline all activity; no man does anything without a sufficient reason. The first incentive to labor is hunger and the various absolute needs of the body. But above these soon rise the desire for money in itself, or the desire to enjoy special privileges and indulgences, or the desire to do more for the good of others. The pride of independence, the fear of suffering and beggary, the longing for leisure, the thirst for knowledge, for "more life and fuller" the love of home and wife and children—these fundamental passions, affections, aspirations, these acquired tastes and ideals, are at the heart of the great tree, and determine the extent and the nature of its growth. The real energy behind all work whether by

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PALMER NEWS.

The Journal's Guess Picture.

An unusual amount of interest was centered in the picture of two of Palmer's business men, printed last week, their backs being shown and a prize being offered for the first correct guess as to their identity. The paper was in eager demand early in the afternoon, and as soon as issued groups could be seen in stores and about the streets studying the peculiarities of those backs and venturing opinions as to who owned them. There was no difficulty in seeing the well-known form of Deputy Sheriff H. A. Northrop at the left of the picture, but who was the man at the right? Almost every person who saw it was sure he or she could attach the right name, and some even offered to wager large sums that they *knew* they were right, but so far as heard every such person was decidedly wrong. The men are H. A Northrop and W. E. Stone, and the picture was taken several months ago, when the excavating for Mr. Stone's new block was in progress. Hundreds of guesses were made, but the first correct one was received at 6.05 Friday evening from Miss Josie Brown; the next came early Saturday morning from Miss Frances McGilp, closely followed by A. J. Adams of Palmer and Joseph Lucy of Wales. Not more then 10 per cent of the guessers named Mr. Stone. The name most numerous was that of W. R. Milligan, besides which there were those who were sure the man was E. R Pierce, A. G. Newton, E. H Rollins, Dr. Hendee, John Sedgwick, O. P. Allen, C. E Fuller, G. M. Atkins, C. K. Gamwell, W. J. Keith, W. W. Converse, H. C. Strong, C. A. LeGro, Rufus Flint, Representative Kendrick, D. H. Brown, E. S Brooks, E P. Ball and W. W. Leach. Several men were informed by their wives and children that they were "it," but in each instance it was a case of mistaken identity, which shows how a woman may be deceived in her own husband.

Democratic Caucus Nominations.

There was a large attendance at the Democratic caucus at the town house last Friday evening, a special train running from Palmer and Thorndike. H. C. Strong was chairman and Dr L. H. Hendee secretary. Only one ballot was presented, that gotten up by the town committee in the same shape as the Australian ballot for the regular election. This bore the names of the candidates for selectmen which had been nominated the evening before at the Republican caucus, the necessary ten Democratic petitioners having been secured. Messrs. Fuller and Holden received about 50 votes, and Mr. Dillon about 90, against an average of about 165 for the other candidates, the present board. The ticket as nominated is: Selectmen, G. M. Atkins, C. T. Brainerd, J. F. Twiss; assessors, H. T. Bishop, J. O. Hamilton, A. A. Warriner; overseer of poor for three years, John W. Fay; school committee for three years, C. E Fish and W. E. McDonald; town clerk and treasurer, F. D Barton; board of health for three years, Dr. J. C. Bonbay; tax collector, J. A. Hawkes; auditors, C K Gamwell and S. H. Hellyar; cemetery commissioner for two years, Rev. W. H. Hart; constables, Samuel Brown, Michael Collins, J. F. Luman, J. J. Manning, H A. Northrop; fence viewers, Frank A. Barker, J. K Knox, Dennis Mahoney.

Not All Sunshine Here.

A chapter of domestic infelicity, said by neighbors not to be the first, was enacted on a certain street in this village yesterday forenoon, when passers-by saw a man in his shirt sleeves dragging a woman dressed for the street toward the house, the woman crying piteously to be rescued from the man. Inquiry developed the fact that the woman had climbed out of the house by a window, and was bent on leaving the man, her husband, to care for their two children, two and a half years, and five months old. The man claimed that his wife wished to leave him and the children, and he didn't propose that she should, especially as he had been injured a couple of days before and was still unable to work; the woman claimed that her husband gave her no money for the support of the family, and that what she had she took from his pocket the night before as he lay drunk upon the floor. The man denied that he was drunk the night previous, but admitted that he had been drinking. They were advised to adjust matters and try and get along, but when a woman "says she wont, she won't, and that's the end on't," and she departed, leaving her other half to care for the youngsters. Her passion evidently went down with the sun, for she returned to her home later in the day.

An Appeal to the Better Self.

Next Monday the voters of Palmer will decide whether the saloons shall be open another year. Does not the better self of every man urge him to vote against these evil institutions? It has been a terrible year since May 1, 1897. Men have staggered through our streets and exhibited manhood in such a pitiable condition as to move every right heart to do all that can be done to save them from the temptation which brings them so low.

In spite of the laxity in law enforcement which has been so noticeable, about 100 cases of drunkenness have already come before our court, and the license year has some weeks left yet. This is in contrast with the year before, when there were only 29 arrests for drunkenness in the town, and the liquor in all these cases was traced by the probation officer to the license towns about us.

I am often up at eleven o'clock at night, the legal hour of closing the saloons, and the most wretched effects of these institutions are then to be seen Men bereft of sense by drink pass my home and fill the air with blasphemy and other foul language They have several times committed indecencies in front of my home that cannot be described in print. The well-known drinking men of the town show sadly the effects of the year's debauch. Their faces have grown wretched, their clothes have become shabby, their families are suffering for food, and worse still, from lack of manhood and from positive brutality on the part of the husbands and fathers.

Oh, you men, who have better self, let it speak to deliver our town from all this wretchedness All other arguments, whether they are true or false, are not worth consideration in the face of what we have seen this year. God's awful curse is on this traffic and upon all who uphold it. We are seeing it in many families now, and we always will see it as long as the traffic exists God help every man with a heart and a conscience to let them speak next Monday

Yours sincerely,
FRANK E. JENKINS.

One Kind of Politics.

The following communication and letter will no doubt be of interest to many:

Editor Journal:—The following circular, which is being sent to some of our citizens, deserves a wider distribution. Allow me to assist the broad-minded anonymous author by asking you to publish it in the JOURNAL

Truly Yours, WM H. HART.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

A Catholic priest, Rev. William H. Hart, of St. Thomas church, was nominated by the Democratic Caucus, on March 11, 1898, for the office of Cemetery Commissioner for 2 years—to be voted for at the coming town meeting, March 21, 1898.

A reference to the Acts and Resolves passed by the Legislature of 1896, Chapter 264, entitled "An act relating to *public* cemeteries," will show that large powers are given to the cemetery commissioners. They are new officers in Palmer; the provisions of the above act being adopted by the town at a special meeting July 19, 1898 By the authorities governing the Catholic church, Catholic cemeteries are held to be private and are exclusively *private* property. The religious motives or sentiments that prompt such use of their cemeterics are probably proper ones. It is difficult however to think of any good reason why a priest should have or desire to have control over *public* cemeteries which must be regarded by him as unconsecrated burial grounds.

Those who are not Catholics have some sentiment in regard to their last resting place.

Cemetery commissioners have nothing to do whatever with Catholic burial grounds. There is wide distinction between the office of cemetery commissioner and other town offices.

If the above suggestions are deemed fitting by you please consider them carefully and also call the attention of your friends to them, that they may be remembered at the polls next Monday.

Palmer, Mass., Mar. 16, 1898.

A letter is advertised at the post office for Frank Bowen.

Jumping the rope is the fad with many youngsters about town at present

The Dorcas Society of St. Paul's church will meet next Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Charles G. Gardner of Springfield, formerly of Palmer, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Rehearsals are being held in the various churches for the Sunday school Easter concerts.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bodfish have been in Wareham this week attending the funeral of a relative.

E. H. Hopkins has gone to South Manchester, Ct., where he has taken a position in a jewelry store.

At the Universalist church next Sunday morning the pastor will preach upon "Deciding for Christ."

An entertainment will be given in the chapel of the Universalist church this evening by the junior Y. P. C. U.

C. E. Fish strained his knee last week while alighting from a carriage, and has been walking with a cane since.

General Superintendent F. W. Baldwin of the C. V. road went south over the line in a special car Wednesday morning.

G. S. Holden is exercising his right of citizenship as one of "twelve good men and true" at the superior court in Springfield.

Sample ballots, bearing the names of the candidates to be voted for in next Monday's town meeting, have been posted in each precinct.

There will be a union temperance meeting in the Universalist church Sunday evening. The address will be given by Rev. Mr. Esten of Westfield.

C. I. Whitcomb has returned from a visit at his home in Swanzey, N. H., and has assumed his duties in the bicycle repair department of E. A. Buck & Co's store.

Louis Cross of the Boston University Medical School is spending a short vacation at his home on North Main street. Miss Bertha Royce of Dean Academy is also home.

The directors of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society held a meeting Tuesday and revised the premium list for the annual fair next September, and will have it printed in the near future.

Rev. T. A. Fischer of Warren preached the Lenten sermon in the Universalist church last evening and gave an excellent sermon on the "Purpose of life." Rev. F. M. Bissell of Spencer will preach the third sermon next Thursday evening.

The W. T. C. U. will hold a meeting in the parlors of the Universalist church next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. In the evening a meeting will be held in the auditorium of the church, to which the public is invited. Mrs. Mabel M. Conklin, national superintendent of social purity work, will give an address.

A committee consisting of Albert Shaw, Frank Dillon and Daniel Fay has been appointed by the high school athletic association to confer with the Ware and Warren high schools regarding the formation of triumvirate. An entertainment will be given in Memorial Hall the 12th of next month for the benefit of the association.

There promises to be an interesting time in court on the 4th of April, when the boys from Wales, who threw snowballs and injured a little girl, will be tried. The father of the girl who was injured and who is the complainant, has been arrested charged with assault upon the boys, and his case will probably be heard the same day.

John Kinevan had a narrow escape from being crushed Monday afternoon. He was engaged in drawing sawdust, the pile from which he was loading the wagon was frozen on the top, and a quantity having been removed from the center of the pile the top fell upon Mr. Kinevan. He was considerably bruised, but his injuries are not serious.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Library Association was held Tuesday evening and these officers elected: President, S. H. Hellyar; vice president, G. M. Atkins; secretary, W. W. Leach; treasurer, L. E Chandler; librarian, C. B. Fiske; directors, in addition to the president and vice president, C. B. Fiske, L. H Gager, O. P. Allen.

Registration for the annual town election closed Saturday evening. The total number of persons now qualified to vote in this town is 1185, and is divided among the precincts as follows: A, 351; B, 298; C, 189; D, 137. The precinct officers for the election Monday will be the same as those for the state election last November, they having been appointed then for both elections.

The New England Guards Band of the Salvation Army, which has been in town several weeks and delayed its departure a number of days at the request of the local pastors, left Monday for Three Rivers. Major MacIntyre of Boston arrived Saturday evening and conducted mass meetings in the Congregational church Sunday afternoon and evening, which were largely attended.

Monson furnished the grist for Monday's business in the district court. D. Chaliet was arraigned for carrying concealed weapons, and also with Patrick Connors and Peter Lanagan for making threats to kill. They were placed under $200 bonds each to keep the peace for six months. Herbert Powers of Monson was also present, charged with drunkenness, and was given a year at Bridgewater. Powers is not a stranger to the court. He has been tried for several offenses, the assaulting of Rev. James Tufts and for vagrancy, but in both cases was discharged.

At a meeting of the Congregational parish last Friday evening it was voted to accept the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, and a committee consisting of J. B. Shaw, A. T. Wing and E. Brown was appointed to cooperate with the committee from the church in calling a council. As no election of officers had taken place for the present year, owing to the omission of the article from the warrant calling the annual meeting, it was held at this time, and these officers chosen: Clerk, O P. Allen; parish committee, Dr. G. H. Wilkins, G. A. Rice, H. W. McGregory; treasurer and collector, L. E Chandler; committee to draft by-laws, O. P. Allen, J. C. Wing, C. A. Brown. The meeting was adjourned for two weeks, when the committee on by-laws will report and action will be taken on painting the church building.

The town house at the Four Corners has undergone a few needed repairs recently, and among other things board shutters have been put on the windows, so that now the small boy will have difficulty in finding a pane of glass for a target for his missiles. The interior is now lighted at night by two arc electric lights, installed without cost to the town a few days ago by the Central Massachusetts Electric Company. The change from a few dirty, foul-smelling and smoky kerosene lamps, empty a good share of the time, it is needless to say was heartily appreciated by the attendants at the cancuses last week.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 18, 1898.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, MARCH 17, 1898.

The woman suffrage debate in the House on the liquor license question was of the usual interest, but not of the usual result, for it was more advice to the women than it has been for a long time. After the full afternoon given to an able and even eloquent discussion at times, the side of the women had only 18 voters in its favor to 74 against. There was a great many pairs, for it was late when the vote was reached, but that was all there was left of the woman suffrage side when the pairing was over. If it were permitted to jest upon so serious a subject, it might be remarked that when it is a question of pairing the women do not suffer as much as they did in this vote. It was singular what contradictory testimony was produced and not contradicted, on each side, from Wyoming. It was said that the women took part in voting, that they had purified elections and had brighted up the asperities of politics remarkably. But it was also said, and not disputed, that in Wyoming the women do not use their power to suppress the saloon, that liquor selling goes on as freely as if women did not have the suffrage, while Wyoming is almost the only state where gambling has a recognized legal status. On the whole, the women did not make any capital out of Wyoming. But the most telling argument, after all, seemed to be that women do not want the suffrage and that their general indifference to their school suffrage is sufficient reason for not giving further privileges.

Gov. Wolcott has come to the defense of the civil service system by his veto of the bill to permit substitute call fireman of Boston to be appointed without passing an examination. He sent in his first veto of the year, standing up strongly for the principle of civil service reform.

Popular interest in the single tax reform, as indicated by the attendance at the hearing upon the proposed constitutional amendment this week, is not strong. Almost no one came to the hearing. The committee on constitutional amendments gave the hearing in one of the smallest rooms, and there was plenty of accommodation for all. The reformers in this line propose to strike out of the constitution the provision that there shall be levied upon estates and "produce, goods, wares, merchandise and commodities," and to provide that taxes shall be levied "upon the value of such estates in land only, either including therewith or excluding therefrom the value of buildings and other improvements, or in addition upon such other class or classes of property as it may select, and to pass laws giving to every city and town as to part of the whole of such assessments, rates and taxes to be imposed and levied therein, the right to determine what class or classes of property, if any, in addition to estates in land, shall be subject to such imposition and levy." The Massasetts Single Tax League has submitted a bill following out at length the permission laid down in the above amendment. It is entitled "A combination bill, making schools, the poor and highways the care of the state, with local option for local purposes." Following this is a second, a local option bill, to which consideration is asked only in case of the failure of the previous bill to be approved. It provides that every city and town may determine for itself that all of their taxes, except those for state, county and educational purposes "shall be assessed upon the value of land only, excluding buildings and other improvements, or upon real estate only, or, in addition to either such value of land or real estate, upon any one or more class or classes of personal property, instead of by the method at any time required by existing law." This single tax reform has strong enough names behind it to command respect, but it does not get much foothold yet.

The taxation committee is continuing its protracted hearings upon the many propositions which have been presented to relax or to stiffen the laws. There are two distinct schools and the more they argue the more pronounced becomes the difference between them. One proposes to insist upon the ideal system and to compel all men to be honest by law, if they are not by nature. If a certain system tempts men to lie and conceal their property in order to escape taxation and thereby puts heavier burdens upon the honest folks than they would have to pay otherwise, one school proposes to increase the temptation to lie in order to get further taxes, but, as the other school argues, with the sure result of driving much property out of the state and of increasing the honest folks' taxation still further. The second school proposes to recognize the disposition of men to lie out from paying taxes and to reduce the temptation to the lowest point possible, but to arrange that the tax on property at death, when it must go through the probate court, shall effect what has been avoided during life. Each side admits the great difficulties of reaching a satisfactory result. The opponents of the tax commission's report predict that the minority report, in favor of further stringency, will win. The committee has had its time extended to April 11 in which to report.

It was surprising to see how large a majority of the House voted for the bill to establish a board of registration for horse-shoers, though the committee, with one exception, voted against it. The plea for intelligent horse-shoeing was made in behalf of suffering horses, as well as for the men who wish to be protected against the cheap work and low prices of mere blunderers who impose upon the public. Of course there is much prejudice against a new state board, but it was voted down overwhelmingly in this case. Now the bill must make its passage, if possible.

The lobby has gained a signal victory over the public in the vote of the Senate defeating the House order for an investigation into the operations of the Boston gas ring. That there is ample reason for an investigation has been shown by the report of the gas and electric light commissioners. In addition, there was the statement made before the House committee on rules which reported for the adoption of the order. The defeat of this investigation was due to the work of a prodigious lobby. For days the corridors of the state house have witnessed unusual activity on the part of the regulars, and special men have been employed. The vote of the Senate on the adoption of the House order for investigation was as follows:

Yeas—Senators Chamberlain, Cook, Crane, Farley, Flynn, George, Leach, Mahoney, Moran, Parsons, Putnam, Roberts, Whittlesey—13.

Nays—Senators Bailey, Barber, Bennett, Black, Bouve, Brigham, Dallinger, Davis, Fairbank, Flint, Folsom, Gallivan, Hodgkins, Holden, Irwin, Morse, Quirk, Roe, Rourke, Towle, Woodward—21.

Senator Williams, of Norfolk, who offered a substitute order which was defeated, for an investigation by the gas and electric light commissioners, was paired for the House order on a roll-call, with Senator Soule of Bristol against it. The opposition to the order carried the day by the use of great pressure. One senator said that all sorts of influence was brought to bear to make him vote against an investigation, and that his political future was threatened. But he voted for the order, just the same.

It might just as well be said plainly that from the mutterings about this matter it is easy to see why the vote for Bryan is likely to be large, and why it was large in 1896. There is a feeling that the Republican party is in league with the great corporations to cover up gross scandal, and to make the people pay tribute into the pockets of men who ought to be in the state prison for their crimes. A Republican senator said that the party could not afford to defeat this investigation, and there will be plenty of opportunity to prove that he is a true prophet.

The feature of the House on Thursday afternoon was the debate on the appropriation of $180,000 for the extermination of the gypsy moth, making 200,000 in all for this year. The usual ignorant efforts were made to laugh it out of the House, but the representatives of the suffering district convinced the House that it was no laughing matter, and the full amount asked for went through by the handsome majority of 86 to 44. The destruction wrought by the caterpillars is simply enormous and almost complete. Everything green will be devoured by the pests, if they do not find just what they prefer, and the people of Western Massachusetts may well pray to be spared from the scourge, thankful if they can escape by paying taxes to help the towns and cities which are infested. LANDON.

PALMER NEWS.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT BURNED.

Loss $50,000. Supt. Rollins and W. E. Shea Barely Escape With Their Lives.

The first serious fire which Palmer has suffered for years occurred about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when the plant of the Central Massachusetts Electric Company at Blanchardville was destroyed, entailing a loss of about $50,000, partially covered by insurance. Two men, Superintendent E. H. Rollins and W. E. Shea, were seriously burned in the fire, but it is believed that all danger is now passed and that each will fully recover, although their burns are deep and painful.

The fire was caused by an explosion of the water wheel governor, consisting in part of two heavy cylinders containing oil, which is pumped from one to the other by vacuum. The pressure in these cylinders frequently ran up to 300 pounds, and from 240 to 260 pounds was the ordinary pressure. The governor had been giving trouble for a long time, and yesterday morning Mr. Rollins had gone to the plant for the express purpose of seeing if the cause could not be ascertained and remedied. The dynamos had been shut down and the wheel was running to pump up a vacuum. The pressure had reached 280 pounds, and the safety valve was blowing off, when suddenly, without the slightest warning, one of the oil cylinders exploded, covering the men with burning oil and almost blinding them by the black smoke The governor was in a small room, with one window toward the canal, and a door which swung in, on the side toward the highway. Shea ran to the window and was soon outside. His outer clothing was on fire, but this he soon removed and escaped dangerous injury, though his face and hands were badly burned. His hands suffered most, though his cheeks, ears and forehead are badly blistered, and his face is as black as that of a negro. He was resting comfortably at 11 o'clock, and was able to talk of the fire, but was unable to account for the explosion, stating that the oil in the cylinders was cold when they went to work on them.

Mr. Rollins was not so fortunate. When the explosion came he ran for the door, but it had been blown shut and he was unable, in the dense smoke, to find the latch. He then turned his attention to the window, but fell three times before he reached it and fell out, almost too exhausted to rise. Shea was near and called to him that he was all afire, a condition of affairs which Mr. Rollins was unaware of in his dazed state. He at once jumped into the canal, and the shock of the cold water brought him to his senses. Swimming out he went to start the fire pump, but it was near the wrecked governor and the fire was too fierce. He then shut down the head gates, and in doing so noticed for the first time that his hands were raw. He then went into the station and telephoned to the village to have the fire alarm rung in, after which he and Shea got into Mr. Rollins's carriage, and with a young man who arrived about that time for a driver, were brought to their homes as fast as the horse could run, covered with blankets to keep the wind off. Mr. Rollins's face is a horrible sight; his lips are an inch or more thick and turned outward, his eyes closed, his whole head is burned and his hands also badly burned. His sight, hearing and speech are all right however, and the physician is confident that he will be about again all right in due time. He is as comfortable as could be expected. Had he not jumped into the canal as he did, he would probably have been burned to death.

Box 68 was pulled at 9 05, and it was 30 minutes before the first stream was thrown on the flames, though on account of the nature of the building, it being a mere shell, it is doubtful if anything could have been saved had the department got to work earlier. The roads were muddy and delayed the progress of the steamer, which did not seem to work well after it arrived, it being a difficult matter to keep up sufficient steam, though this may be accounted for in part by the fact that the stoker had been appointed only a week previous and that this was his first experience with the machine. The firemen worked with a will, and a fire wall kept the flames from the boiler room at the other end of the plant from where the fire originated. The wheel house and dynamo room, everything at the right of the fire wall shown in the cut, was destroyed. In the dynamo room were the machines which supplied Palmer, Monson and Warren with incandescent lights, and Palmer with arc lights, and these towns were in darkness last night in consequence.

Messrs. Blakesley and Purington of Waterbury, Ct., of the electric company, were in town last evening, and preparations are already under way for furnishing lights. The plant at Blanchardville will be rebuilt at once. In the meantime dynamos will be installed in Palmer, Monson and Warren with which to furnish lights for the respective towns, both incandescent and arc lights for Palmer. These machines are already on the way, and it is expected that all lights will be going again in a week at the latest, and possible in four days. Unless some unforeseen accident occurs, the incandescent lights in the village of Palmer will be started to-morrow night.

A special locomotive left Lynn this afternoon for Boston, drawing a car containing seven dynamos for Palmer, in order to catch the night freight out of Boston.

Wants Information Regarding Cemetery Commissioners.

Editor Palmer Journal:—Will you, through the columns of your paper, answer the following questions?

1. Is the action taken at the recent caucus in nominating a board of cemetery commissioners in accordance with some action of the town, or is it the result of some state law?

2. Is this board to assume control of all the cemeteries, or only public cemeteries?

3. Would this board have the same control over the Catholic cemeteries as it does over the others?

I have asked quite a number in regard to this, and the only answer that I could get was that they did not know.

Respectfully, CITIZEN.

Three Rivers, March 17th

A state law provides that when a town so votes it may place the care of its cemeteries in charge of a board of three cemetery commissioners, one of which shall be elected annually (after the first year) to serve for three years, said board to have control of the public cemeteries of the town At a special town meeting July 19th, 1897, it was voted to accept the provisions of said act, which made the nomination of cemetery commissioners necessary for the election next Monday.

NEXT MONDAY'S TOWN MEETING.

The Various Candidates, and the Outlook as it Appears Now.

There are a larger number of candidates for the principal town offices to be voted for next Monday, than usual, and the result may be said to be more in doubt than usual. For selectmen there are three new candidates, nominated at a Republican caucus by the aid of bolting Democrats. All of these men would make good officials, but what complaint is brought against the present board? As far as can be learned there is no charge of dishonesty and extravagance in the manage ment of the town's affairs, or that the business of the town has been in any way neglected or mismanaged. This being true, the thought will come to many, "Why turn them out simply to give some others a chance to favor their particular friends with the appointments at the disposal of the board?" It was learned yesterday that the new candidates are running on the platform that no selectman should receive, directly or indirectly, any other money than his salary from the town; that he should do no work for the town nor furnish it with any material. This feeling is growing among the voters, and if the new candidates are running on this basis they will very likely get a number of votes which would otherwise go for the present incumbents. At this writing it looks as though the election would be closer than usual, but that the old board would win.

Two new names for assessor appear on the ballot, but there seems little likelihood that either can win. H. T. Bishop's term as overseer of the poor expires this year, and he is opposed for re election by John W. Fay of Thorndike. Mr. Bishop has had opponents before, but has always succeeded in holding his own. For school committee, C. E. Fish and W. E. McDonald will succeed themselves, while C. F. Smith will be elected for two years. J. B. Shaw is again opposed by F. D. Barton for town clerk and treasurer, but will probably have no difficulty in being re elected. Dr. J. P. Schneider and Dr. Boulay are candidates for a place on the board of health, with the chances in favor of the former, it is thought. J. A. Hawkes is said to be giving H. A. Northrop a hard push for the office of tax collector, but Mr. Northrop has always won when he cared to run; he has had no little experience in the work, and his position as deputy sheriff has many times collected taxes which otherwise would have been lost. H. E. W. Clark is the only candidate for cemetery commissioner for three years, but for two years there are Rev. W. H. Hart and H. C. Strong. There will be a contest at the polls over this place by the friends of both parties, and no little hard feeling has been stirred up by a circular sent out this week, and which is reproduced by request on the first page. For three years H. G. Loomis is the only candidate. It would be hard to name the five successful candidates for constables, out of the seven names on the ballot. The town will no doubt vote license, as that is the customary thing for a few years after a no-license vote though the majority is likely to be somewhat reduced from last year's figures.

The polls will be open at 6 30 in the morning, giving all who wish an opportunity to vote before going to their day's work.

W. E. Tuthill is home from Brown University.

Mrs. L. M. Shaw has returned from a visit with friends in Hampden.

Rev. R. B. Esten will preach in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Ralph LeGro has a new Dayton bicycle, for which wheel he has taken the agency.

Two columns of Palmer news will be found on the first page of the paper this week.

There will be a young converts' meeting in the Baptist church to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach Sunday morning on "What is it to be a Christian?"

Mrs. Cornelia Powell and A. M. Powell of Worcester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. N Carpenter over Sunday.

The Smith Grocery Company has decided to go out of the meat business, and has closed out its stock in that line.

It is expected that Rev. E A. Paddock will return to Palmer next week, and will assist in some of the services.

The Christian Endeavor meeting at 6 o'clock Sunday evening will be a praise service, and will be led by the pastor.

"Mr. Beane from Boston" will be presented at the opera house to-morrow evening by the Gormans. The house will be well lighted.

On account of the many who have recently entered the Christian life during the present interest, Rev. F. E Jenkins does not intend to leave the Congregational church in April, as had been planned.

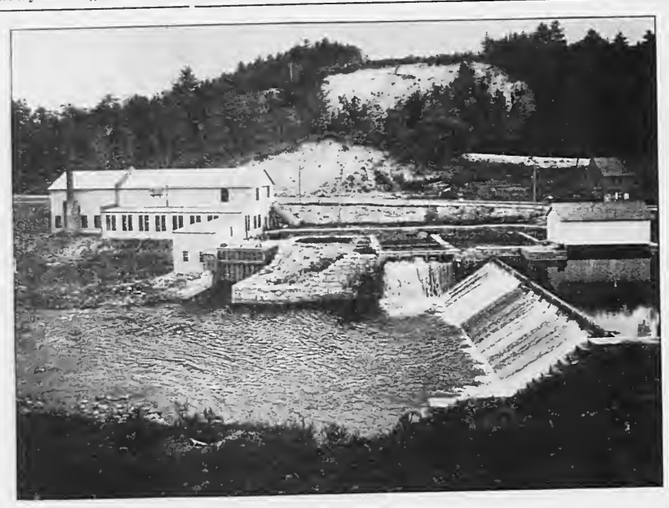
The town reports will be mailed to voters to-morrow forenoon, and each voter will find a report with his name on it at the post office in the precinct in which he votes, regardless of his usual post office address.

The protection afforded trout by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will cease soon, and preparations are being made by the local fishermen for their descent upon the speckled beauties of the brook.

There will be a men's meeting in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, led by Dr. G. H. Wilkins. At the same hour a women's meeting will be held in the Congregational church, led by Miss Sweetser, assisted by Mrs. York.

The advertisement of D. H. Brigham & Co., dealers in ladies' and children's garments, will be found in another column. This is one of the oldest business houses in this section, with a reputation for fair dealing and desirable lines of goods second to none.

The second lecture in the course under the auspices the Woman's Tuesday Club will be given to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. E. Stone. The lecturer will be Mrs. Annie Russell Marble of Worcester, who will take for her subject "Early poets and naturalists." Tickets for a single lecture may be obtained at the door



Plant of the Central Massachusetts Electric Company.

The fire yesterday destroyed the works from the head gate below the dam to the fire wall shown near the smokestack, the section at the left of this wall being all that remains.

Some of the most absurd rumors have been circulated regarding yesterday's fire, among them one that the apparatus arrived at the scene of action without nozzles, and that they had to be brought from the engine house before a stream could be thrown on the fire. There is not the slightest ground for such a report. Three streams were playing on the fire as soon as the steamer could be started, but Assistant Engineer Fitch, who was the only one of the three in town and had charge of affairs, wished some nozzles of different diameter, and sent for them, the three streams meanwhile doing good service.

Owing to the unfortunate loss of the electric light station yesterday morning the village was clothed in darkness last evening. Nearly all of the stores and places of business and many residences are lighted with electricity, and last evening but faint glimmerings of light were seen about the town. The patrons of the company realized this early in the day, and nearly every man on the street was carrying a lamp or an oil can. Business in illuminating articles at the various stores was very brisk, and the Standard Oil Company will certainly notice the increase in profits from yesterday's sale of oil. Nearly all the local dealers closed out their stock of cheap lamps.

There seems to be considerable misunderstanding regarding the motive back of the nomination of Rev. W. H. Hart for cemetery commissioner. He was nominated without solicitation on his part by Catholic taxpayers who feel that they are entitled to representation on any board or committee where their money is expended for town purposes. His sole desire, if elected, is to see the addition to the cemetery in the Depot village, which is on one of the most traveled highways leading into the place, suitably laid out and beautified, making it a beauty spot instead of an eyesore, which the present cemetery was for so many years and which so many others now are. The land is well adapted for such a purpose, and with suitable walks, drives, flower beds and open places where seats are provided for visitors, may be made a most attractive spot. This plan is being carried out in the addition to the Catholic cemetery near Thorndike, and the desire is certainly one to be commended in any person.

THORNDIKE.

James F. Loftus has just put in a handsome Tufts' soda fountain.

J. W. Miller has purchased of Charles Haynes of Three Rivers a wood lot near the Ware river, and has several men cutting it off.

John F. Loftus, Sr., is at the House of Mercy Hospital, Springfield, where he underwent an operation Tuesday, which was a success.

Mrs. T. J. Moran and daughter Helen, and Miss Mary Moran, returned Tuesday from a visit with friends in Warren. Miss Nellie Ryan, who has been enjoying an extended vacation with her sister, Mrs. James Garland of West Springfield, has also returned home.

THREE RIVERS.

John Campbell of West Warren visited his son, James, this week.

Frank Upham and family of Westfield have been visiting F. A. Upham.

In the Union church a collection for home missions will be taken next Sunday morning.

Lisle Percy has been called to his home in Hinsdale, N. H., by the illness of his father.

A number of West Warren school children are spending their vacation with friends in town.

Rev. G. S. Butler, assisted by the Salvation Army, will conduct the services in the Union church Sunday morning.

Dr. W. H. Bliss returned from Pittsfield to-day. He is slowly recovering from his injuries received last week in Chester.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday forenoon by E. A. Thomas at 10 45. Evening service to be announced.

H. D. Geer is doing a flourishing business at his horse radish establishment, and is shipping 200 dozen bottles per week all over New England. Mr. Geer has the reputation of putting up the best horse radish in the country.

The Salvation Army Band, which has recently done such good work in Palmer, came to this place on Monday morning and expects to remain a week or more. Meetings were held in the Union church afternoons and evenings until Thursday, when the failure of the electric lights caused them to go to the Baptist church.

BONDSVILLE.

Mrs. H. C. Morgan visited relatives in Ware a few days this week.

John Sullivan, 28, died at the home of his mother on Main street Tuesday.

H. H. Paine of Palmer visited his sister, Mrs. Hamblin, a few days this week.

H. E. Bolton of Greenfield visited his sister, Mrs. Joslyn, a few days this week.

Peter Brin has moved to Lowell, where he has secured work with the American Bolt Co.

Michael Shea went to Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday, where he expects to obtain employment on the electric road.

Miss D. P. Cleveland and Miss Emma Barney of Thorndike spent Saturday and Sunday at the latter's home in South Hadley Falls.

Miss Ora Parent is visiting Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Auger at Jamaica, L. I., this week, and will also visit relatives in Providence before returning home.

There will be a social in the Methodist church vestry next Wednesday evening. A hash supper will be served, and a musical entertainment provided.

The young son of Robert Landers was severely injured last week by being struck in the eye by a stone thrown by one of his companions. The boy was taken to Monson and attended by Dr. Rand.

Charles B. Page has recently sold and set up for John F. Mansfield, proprietor of the boarding house, a very large double-oven Magee hotel range, probably the largest range ever brought into this village.

The funeral of May Clough, who died Thursday of last week, was held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 1.30, the services being conducted by Rev. R. E. Smith. The floral tributes were very beautiful, and consisted of roses, lilies and carnations. Burial was in the Four Corners cemetery, where her father was buried.

Things are coming to a pretty state in this village when a respectable man cannot walk the streets in the day time without danger of being assaulted Last Friday, as one of our citizens was returning from his day's work, he was accosted on the street by an intoxicated man who threatened to whip him, and did manage to strike and kick him several times before being taken away by bystanders. The man was not arrested, as he should have been.

The bicycle business promises to enjoy quite a boom in this village this season. C. L. Holden & Sons have taken an agency for the Nonotuck wheel, and have a few wheels as samples; O. A. Parent has taken the agency for the Monarch, and has several wheels ordered; Wallace J. Knowlton has rented the vacant store in Parent's building and will start a repair shop and agency. He has already secured the agency for several wheels, and expects to open for business in a few days.

A reader of the JOURNAL sends the following: "The approaching town meeting is not causing much discussion in this village. It is probable that the new board of selectmen nominated by the Republicans will receive the support of this precinct, as considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed with the old board. C. L. Holden, one of the new nominees, would make a first-class official and should be elected. It would seem as though he would be acceptable to both Republicans and Democrats. The candidate for school committee, reported as being R. E Smith, was incorrect. It is stated that Charles F. Smith, who lives on the Ware road, was the man nominated at the caucus, and he will probably be elected."

WHAT BRAND COFFEE DO YOU USE?

No Need to Pay 38 Cents a Pound for a Good Coffee.

The fact that good things always bear repetition is recognized by all, and this is the reason why we make our readers the following statement. A few weeks ago it was announced in our columns that the enterprising grocer, J. F. Foley, had secured a special brand of coffee and was giving with the sale of each pound a handsome china cup and saucer. The public was quick to appreciate this generous offer and the coffee met with a very large sale. So fast was it purchased that Mr. Foley soon found that although he had secured a very large number of the cups and saucers, they had all gone and he at once placed another large order with the wholesalers. This order has now arrived. The coffee is a blended Santos and Maracaibor and has proven itself very popular. It has an excellent taste and flavor and emits a delicious fragrance. Proof of its popularity and excellence can be given, and it is that kind of proof which commends itself to all, and that is the reason why many who purchased once have purchased twice and three times and state that the coffee is just the article they want Such evidence is the best of proof. By special arrangement Mr. Foley is enabled to give with each pound this present of a cup and saucer. They are very pretty and of handsome design, and make a useful addition to the table or an ornamental addition to the shelf. The coffee, with the cup and saucer as a present, sells for 25 cents a pound.

BORN.

In Palmer, 11th, a son to Jerry Denning.
In Palmer, 13th, a daughter to Oliver and Hannah LaSalle.

DIED.

In Bondsville, 15th, John Sullivan, 28.
In Monson, 16th, Michael Donahue, 29.
In Wilbraham, 12th, Mrs. Albert Bliss, 76.

FOR SALE.—10 or 12 Shotes. 51-2 W. F. FILLMORE, Three Rivers.

FOR SALE.—10 Tons Hay, 5 Tons Rowen. 51-2 A. O. NORCROSS, Monson.

FOR SALE.—Good lot of Cows. New milch soon. 51-2 A. O. NORCROSS, Monson.

TO RENT.—The Harris house on Pleasant street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 50-tf

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. 44-tf Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

SEWING Machine Needles and Oil for sale by D. MULVIHILL, Caryl's block, Palmer.

BICYCLES REPAIRED and wheels checked. Munger's Block, South Main street. 50-4 GEORGE W. MILLS.

ROOMS TO RENT.—Suitable for a first-class restaurant, in Eager's Block. 50-1 F. M. EAGER, Palmer, Mass.

TO RENT.—Paint Shop and blacksmith shop, South Main street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 12-tf

FOR SALE.—A good square Piano. Round corners, carved trusses, in good condition. Very good tone. Will be sold very cheap for cash. 51-tf WOODHEAD, Photographer, Palmer.

FOR SALE.—A three spring business wagon in good repair; will exchange for a new milch cow. Inquire of C. E. SHUMWAY, Bondsville, or 50-1 E. E. KENDALL, Thorndike, Mass.

FOR SALE.—Two desirable building lots in Palmer, together or separately. Terms easy. Inquire of A. L. HILLS, Palmer, or R. A. McQUAID, Chatham, N. Y. 50-8

WANTED.—INVENTORS and parties interested in INVENTIONS and PATENTS to consult or correspond with WM. S. BELLOWS, Solicitor and Expert in Patents, 307 Main Street, Springfield, Mass. PATENTS obtained in the United States and all foreign countries, and all business in connection with inventions and patent and royalty contracts attended to. Trade Marks registered, Copyrights secured. BOOK OF INFORMATION on patents sent free on application to any address.

Opera House,

Saturday, Eve., March 19,

THE GORMANS,

in their popular farce comedy

"MR. BEANE, FROM BOSTON."

The Gorman brothers are well known as clever actors, and are supported by a strong company in the presentation of this play.

Tickets on sale at O. P. Allen's Drug Store

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TOWN OF PALMER. TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS.

To John P. Eastman, Constable of the Town of Palmer. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, as designated by the selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A at the Engine House, on Park street, in the Depot Village; in Precinct B at Exchange Hall, on Commercial street, in Thorndike; in Precinct C at the room occupied by the Athletic Club, near the dwelling house of Charles S. Ruggles, on the East Main street, in Three Rivers; and in Precinct D at Liberty Hall, on Main street, in Bondsville, on Monday, the 21st day of March, A. D., 1898, at half past six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town for the following town officers, to wit: Three selectmen, three assessors, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, two auditors, five constables, three fence viewers, all for the term of one year; one overseer of the poor for the term of three years; two members of the school committee for the term of three years; one member of the school committee for the term of two years; one member of the board of health for the term of three years; also a board of cemetery commissioners to consist of three members, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year; also to vote by ballot, which shall be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at half past six o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the 28th day of March, A. D., 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose two or more field drivers, measurers of wood and bark, and all other usual town officers.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to establish a town library, raise and appropriate money therefor, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 4 To act on the reports of the town officers.

ART. 5. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money not to be paid from the taxes of the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To hear and act on reports of committees

ART. 9. To choose committees and give them instructions

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ART. 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 13 To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 14. To act on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise money for the Young Men's Library Association.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the school committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

ART. 18. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor.

ART. 20. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families and the families of the slain, and intrust the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provisions of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1885.

ART 22. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to hire the present tramp room and lockup.

ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer or sewers in Park street, School street and Pearl street, with necessary connections, in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to locate an electric light at or near the corner of Pine and Pond streets in the Depot Village, and appropriate money for the same

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries of town officers, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Main street in Thorndike, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to accept and allow a road as laid out by the selectmen, in the Depot Village, and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at the end of Central street and running in the same direction as Central street about 150 feet, through land of Oliver LaSalle to land of Charles E. Dewey.

ART. 30. To see what action the town will take in regard to the claims of J. B. Barlingame and James La Croix, for injuries sustained by reason of alleged defects in highways of the town.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and repair the highway in said town leading from the Sikes place, so-called, to the Bourne place, so-called, in Three Rivers.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to be used in cutting down three hills on the road leading from Palmer Centre to Bartleigh's Crossing.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk from a point near the house of John Ritchie, on Palmer street, to the corner of Front street, in the village of Three Rivers, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer from a point near the house of James H. Shaw to a point near the house of E. G. Hastings on North Main street, in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 35. To see if the town will authorize any of its officers or appoint any agent to bring any suit in behalf of the town.

ART 36. To see if the town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars to build a sewer from the northerly side of High street near the house of D. J. Sullivan, connecting with the culvert under High street aforesaid, in the village of Thorndike, through the land of Dennis Leary to and connecting with the sewer in the lower part of School street in said Thorndike, permission being granted by the said Dennis Leary to build said sewer through his land.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to build sidewalks in Bondsville as follows, viz: From Parent's store on the east side of Main street to Spring street; also from Parent's store on the north side of the street leading to Forest Lake as far as the house of Father McKeaney, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer from a point near Parent's store westerly to the river at a point near the bridge.

ART. 39. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to straighten road on Main street from a point near the Church pool in the village of Thorndike to a point near the residence of George W. Keith.

ART 40. To see if the town will establish an are light near the Farrell house on Prospect street in Bondsville and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to provide an extra school room, with the necessary school furniture and supplies, at the Depot Village, or take any action relative to additional school accommodations at said Depot Village.

ART. 42. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to paint the outside of the Three Rivers and Three Rivers school buildings, three hundred dollars for insurance of school buildings, and four hundred dollars for musical instruction in the schools and supplies.

ART. 43. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on the southerly side of South Main street, from Fox Avenue to a point opposite the residence of C. E. Dewey, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 44. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen to re-convey to the Thorndike Company any rights the town may have to land formerly occupied for school purposes, near the house of Michael Roche, in Thorndike.

ART. 45. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Pine street, in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 46. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen to petition the Superior Court for the abolition of the grade crossings over the Ware River Railroad near Burleigh's Bridge.

ART. 47. To see if the town will vote to build a new bridge over the Ware River, near the Jerry Dutton place, on the road to Bondsville, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 48. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and authorize its treasurer to borrow money to construct such section of state highway as said Highway Commission may lay out within the town.

ART. 49. To see if the town will vote to build a new bridge over the Ware River near the house of Michael Roche, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 50. To see if the town will establish a town library, elect a board of six trustees for the same, and appropriate money for its support.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public places designated by the vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer JOURNAL, at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of March, A. D., 1898.

JOHN F. TWISS, CHAS. T. BRAINERD, GEO. M. ATKINS, } Selectmen of Palmer.

A true copy—Attest:
JOHN P. EASTMAN, Constable of Palmor.

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Men's Fast Black Half Hose,	10c, 3 pair for 25c
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The Hampden, models for men and women, $60.

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Thirty-nine Dollars each!
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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 18, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Mrs. John A. Andrew is visiting friends in Wales.

Ralph Clifford was in Boston this week on a business trip.

Miss Annie Coleman is spending a week in New York city.

George L. Keeney spent Sunday at his old home in Vernon, Ct.

Mrs. George Hobbs visited her daughter in Palmer over Sunday.

Theodore Wheeler of California is visiting at Mrs. Julia Miller's.

Mrs. Esther Russell spent Sunday at her home in West Stafford, Ct.

The Dorcas society met with Mrs. Eugene Cook Wednesday afternoon.

William H. Gifford is building a granite wall in the rear of his residence.

L. N. Howard, who has been ill with the scarlet fever, is rapidly improving.

The Monson Cycle League will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night.

Frank T. Williams of Augusta, Maine, is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Carew.

The Woman's Relief Corps will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday night.

Miss Mary Hobbs has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Marcy, in Palmer this week.

The regular meeting of A. A. Gage camp, Sons of Veterans, will be held Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntosh of Springfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thompson.

Mrs. Harriet C. Wood was called to Greenwich Village Monday to attend the funeral of her aunt.

Harry P. Miller of Easthampton spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Miller.

A party of young people are holding private dancing lessons Thursday nights in the A. O. U. W. hall.

August Peterson is about to move his family to Frank Bradway's house on Harrison avenue.

Robert P. Wallace has returned from Norwich, Ct., where he has been spending the past few weeks.

Miss Gertrude Gage of Wellesley College spent the first of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gage.

Rev. F. S Hatch will take for his subject at the Congregational church next Sunday evening, "Jesus and language."

Matthew Bros. of Elmwood farm, North Monson, have returned from Vermont with ten head of high grade Jersey cattle.

The Dorcas Society of the Congregational church will give a supper and entertainment in the church parlors next Monday night

Fred L. Moores of Hydeville, Ct., has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Moores on Park avenue.

A party of twelve young men are to give a turkey supper and whist party to their lady friends at the Century House this evening.

The Ladies' Circle of the Universalist church will give a potato salad next Tuesday night from six to eight, followed by a social.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holdridge and two children, of Enfield, spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Luther Clark, on South Main street.

The vesper service at the Congregational church Sunday evening will be held at 5 instead of 6 o'clock. Subject: "Jesus and language."

Leonard Rathburn is to move his family from Dr. P. W. Soule's house on Main street into Mrs. J. A. Miller's house in the rear of the Century Hotel.

Dr. P. W. Soule is to remove his dental office from the building opposite Miss Esther Holmes' residence to his house south of the Monson Free Library.

A very enjoyable time was had at Odd Fellows' hall in the bank block Tuesday evening, when the Odd Fellows gave a whist party, their families being present.

Bert Powers, who was arrested last Saturday for being drunk, was taken before the district court at Palmer Monday morning and was sentenced to Bridgewater for one year.

The last sociable and supper of the Dorcas Society for the present season will be held at the Congregational church Monday evening at 6 o'clock. The musical entertainment, beginning at eight o'clock in the chapel, has been arranged by Mrs. Hatch.

Mrs. Denuis Sullivan is the owner of a Plymouth Rock and Legborn hen which recently laid an egg measuring 8½ by 6 inches, and weighing 3⅞ ounces Frank Royce has a Plymouth Rock hen which has laid an egg 8½ by 5¾ inches, weighing 3⅝ ounces.

The St. Cecilian dramatic society of St. Patrick's church gave a very enjoyable entertainment in Memorial Hall last evening, presenting the dramas "Handy Andy" and "A Crowded Hotel." The society was assisted by Joseph Sullivan of Springfield.

Rev. Charles H. Puffer of Salem preached an interesting sermon to a large audience in the Universalist church last Monday evening The third number of the Lenten services will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, when Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield will speak

Memorial Day arrangements have been made by Marcus Keep Grand Army post. The sermon on Sunday, May 29th, will be delivered by Rev. Harry Blackford, and the address on Memorial Day will be by Rev. F. L. Gooodspeed, pastor of the First Church of Springfield.

The second of the series of parlor lectures by Mrs Annie Russell Marble of Worcester under the auspices of the Current Events Club will be given at the home of Mrs. S. F. Cushman, Jr., next Tuesday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock, the subject being, "Early poets and naturalists."

Any person may have his name placed upon the Australian ballot to be used at the Republican caucus next Friday evening by presenting a petition to the Republican town committee signed by ten Republican voters. Such petitions must be handed to the committee before 9 45 o'clock next Tuesday evening.

Michael Donahue, 29, died at his home on the Wales road in South Monson Wednesday afternoon, of an abscess of the brain. He leaves a wife and one child, also his mother, who lives in Stafford Springs, two brothers and three sisters; one brother, Garrett, lives in Mouson. The funeral was held in St Patrick's church this morning at 9 30

Prof. A. N. Burke had a very pleasant surprise Wednesday noon on going to his home, to find forty volumes of Shakespeare on his table, a birtbday present from his scholars. They were of the Temple edition, by John Lent & Co., of London. It is a beautiful set, with morocco binding and gilt edge, and one that the possessor can be justly proud of.

Marcus Keep Grand Army post expects to have the interior of its hall remodeled and painted. The platform, which has always been at the north end of the hall, the same end as the entrance, has been moved to the south end. This change makes the hall more convenient, and gives more room. The hall when built was not properly arranged, and the change has been talked of for some time.

The executive committee of the Business Club held a meeting Tuesday evening, and the committee appointed for getting out some kind of town envelope brought in a favorable report. It suggested that an envelope be gotten up setting forth some of Monson's natural advantages, and then try to induce the town people to use them in their correspondence, so that they may receive a wide circulation, and in this way the town will soon come before the eyes of a great many people. Other plans have been suggested to the committee and are now under consideration

Monson was in total darkness last night, owing to the burning of the electric light plant at Palmer yesterday. The stores were not much incouvenienced, as they all closed at 6 30, but other public buildings and private residences were obliged to fall back on kerosene. Lamps and fixtures were in great demand at the stores. It is thought that police should be placed on the streets until the electrics can again be used, as there are some parts of the streets where it is quite lonely and dark, especially where there are no stores.

The last of the Star course of entertainments under the auspices of the class of '98, Monson Academy, will be given at Memorial Hall to-morrow night by the Ollie Torbett Concert Company, which consists of Miss Ollie Torbett, violinist, Miss Lucie E. Mawson, pianist, and the Lutteman Quintette, from Stockholm, Sweden Miss Torbett and Miss Mawson occupy the front rank in their profession, and the Lutteman Quintette is well known throughout Europe and America. The four preceding entertainments in the course have all been very interesting and instructive, without a doubt the best course of entertainments ever given by the Academy.

It is probable that considerable interest will be taken in the article in the town warrant relative to raising the grade and building a sidewalk from Washington street to Pearl street The taxable property in that portion of the town reached by State street is quite heavy, owing to the rapid building in that section for the past few years, and will continue to increase, as there are a number of good building lots in that location. This is not a matter which concerns the residents of that section wholly, as one of the public schools is located on State street, and at certain times in the year the school children as well as the residents have to go through mud in going to and from school.

Dreuden Chalut, Patsy Connors and Peter Lanagan, three young lads were arrested Saturday morning by Officer Sault, on complaint of William Lewis, who runs a saw mill on State street, charged with making a disturbance. They were near the State street schoolhouse in the rear of Mr. Lewis's premises, making considerable noise, and when requested by Mr. Lewis to move on and make less noise, they used abusive language, and one of the lads fired a revolver in the air. They were placed in the lock-up Saturday noon, but were bailed out in the evening by friends. Monday morning they were taken before the district court in Palmer, where they were placed on probation for six months to keep the peace. Although much sympathy is expreseed for the parents, yet the example which has been made of these lads may be a warning to those young men who are playing similar lawless pranks about the town.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

J. W. Baldwin has been appointed postmaster.

Mrs. L. N. Dunbar of Springfield has been the guest of C. F. Fuller.

A gramophone exhibition was given last evening at St. Cecilia's church by Rev. W. H. Hart of Palmer.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. George Lane is slowly improviug.

Mrs. S. A. Macallister is visiting in Stafford Springs.

Mrs. John Lunbard and son Homer visited friends in Spencer last week.

Mrs. Milton Kinney and Mrs. Lyman Moore were in the village calling on friends this week.

A dramatic entertainment was given in G A. R. hall at Fiskdale by the young people of Brimfield Friday night, for the benefit of the post, after which a vote of thanks was extended to the East Brimfield advertiser who recommended the play and merits of the players, the people of Fiskdale and Snellville.

WALES.

Town meeting comes in April, and no caucuses yet.

W. Lynch has returned to Wales and boards at his old boarding place, with Mrs. Freeman.

T. J. Hines has eight carpenters at work on C. G. Thompson's new house, for which he has a contract.

The revival meetings held by Rev. Mr. Buffum continue, and the interest increases. Several have come to the anxious seat, some of whom have evidently been truly converted.

Rev. Mr. Jenner, of West Springfield, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday by exchange with Rev. George W. Davis, the pastor. Mr. Jenner's sermons were very much enjoyed.

WEST WARREN.

The public schools closed last Friday for a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. A. J. Trobridge died Wednesday at her home on the Palmer road.

C. Collette has moved his business to New Bedford. D. Sullivan is occupying his store on North street.

W. T. Carlisle has closed his meat business in West Warren, and will open a meat market and grocery store in Springfield.

It is now known for certain that the ownership of the Warren Cotton Mills has been changed into the hands of Bliss, Fayban & Co., and it is hoped they will be started sometime during the spring or summer.

Easter falls this year on the 10th of April, and as that is conference Sunday, there will be no service at the M. E. church, and so no preparation will be made for the usual Easter services this year.

HOLLAND.

An order was recently sent for new books to be added to the town library.

Mr. and Mrs F. Webber entertained friends from Southbridge Sunday.

Ephraim Switzer of Warren has been the guest of his brother, Henry Switzer.

Eight regular boarders, as well as a good number of transients, were reported at the hotel last week.

Rev. Mr. Willis delivered an interesting sermon at the morning service Sunday, from Jude 1, 21, "Keep yourselves in the love of God."

The school at the Centre closed its winter term Wednesday, showing a good record of attendance. The school will reopen April 4th.

A company of men in the employ of the Hamilton Woolen Co., of Southbridge, have been employed the past week newly priming the reservoir dam.

A good number of town's people as well as some from adjoining towns attended the social in the town hall Thursday evening. An entertainment consisting of readings, recitations, tableaux and music was given.

William Lilley, mail carrier between Holland and Brimfield, met with an accident Thursday, being thrown from his carriage, but escaped serious injury and arrived at his destination on schedule time.

BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. George W. Earle returned to her home in Salem last Friday.

Miss May Davenport of the Hitchcock Academy is quite ill with a hard cold.

The entertainment entitled, "The flowing bowl," which was to have been given here two weeks ago, will be played in the church vestry Friday evening.

W. B. Forbush, Ph. D, will deliver his unique lecture, entitled, "Patchwork," in the town hall next Friday evening, under the auspices of the senior class of the H. F A Mr. Forbush is both interesting and original, and an enjoyable time is promised all who hear him.

A second citizen's bee was formed Wednesday to grade and do other work around the new hotel. About thirty men were present and five two-horse teams were kept busy during the day drawing gravel. Besides the grading an embankment wall was laid. A great deal has been accomplished by the contributed work of these "bees."

About forty were present at the Grange meeting Tuesday night. It was "Gentleman's night," and the exercises were in charge of G. W. Sherman, W. Easter, A. G. Tarbell, A. R Brown and H. R Converse. The literary programme, which consisted of readings, a recitation, vocal and instrumental music, was entirely given by men Fred Bissell received the first and second degrees of membership The Grange is in a flourishing condition and the interest in the meetings is sustained. At the next meeting, April 15, D-puty Hinkley of Lee will inspect the Grange and refreshments will be served.

WARREN.

Miss Mary S Hitchcock is visiting friends in Brookline and vicinity.

Miss Annie Sullivan, bookkeeper for W. J Tagan, has accepted a similar position in Lowell.

Miss Alice Buck and Miss Florence Holman have gone to Washington, D. C., for a short time.

Mrs. Mary G. Hitchcock entertained the Tuesday Club at her home on Maple street Tuesday afternoon.

The Warren Specialty Manufacturing Company has received a large order for an incandescent gas lamp, and in order to fill the order will employ about 15 more hands.

James L. Bridges, who suffered from a shock of paralysis two weeks ago, died Tuesday afternoon He was 49 years old and had lived in Warren most of his life, occupying the position of clerk in the drug store of L Harwood & Son. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Joseph Weeks.

The Warren Public Library Association held its annual meeting in Library Hall Monday The attendance was small, but all the business was transacted. The number of books found to be in the library March 1st, 1898, was 9477, a gain of 128 during the year. The circulation was 16,710 volumes, and the reading room has been used by 14,196 persons. It was voted to ask the town for $300 and the dog tax this year. These officers were elected: President, Wilson H. Fairbank; treasurer, Edward Fairbanks; clerk, Emery C. Sawyer; librarian, Joseph G. Hastings; directors, W. H. Fairbank, E. Fairbanks, W. A. Jenks and G. A. Shumway, directors ex-officio as life trustees, and Dr. C. A. Deland, Rev. T. A. Fischer, Joseph G. Hastings, Mrs J. M. Hitchcock and Mrs. M M. Richardson.

WARE.

The registrars of voters held a meeting last week and added sixteen new names to the list of voters and removed two. The final spring meeting will be held to-morrow in the court room from noon till 10 p. m.

Arthur Smith, Jere and Amatula Gonyea and Thomas Kennedy, who were arrested last Friday for drunkenness, were taken to Northampton Saturday by Chief Fitzgerald, where each received a sentence of 30 days in the house of correction.

The postponed hearing on the grade crossing question, which was to have been held Tuesday, has been postponed again. The date for the next hearing will be fixed by Judge Bumpus.

"Dan" Murphy, who is training in Ware for a boxing contest in Waterbury, Ct., next Thursday, was joined Tuesday by his sparring partner

An appeal has been issued by the Sunday Evening League of the Congregational church to the people of the town to contribute clothing and non-perishable articles of food in aid of the Cuban cause.

George B. Cutler is ill with pneumonia.

Rev. A. E. Clase, accompanied by his sister, started Monday for a short trip South.

James M. Maloney is a candidate for town clerk at the coming town election.

H. C. Davis started Tuesday for a two-weeks' trip to Kausas City, Chicago and Milwaukee, on business.

The card and spinning-rooms at the Gilbert mills have been closed for two weeks, waiting for the weavers to consume the product already on hand.

The body of Joseph McCormick of Gilbertville was brought to Ware for burial Sunday afternoon. The Hibernians in full regalia attended the funeral in a body.

While returning from the West last Saturday with a carload of potatoes, William Hall met with what might have proved a serious accident. His car was jarred heavily while the train was rounding a curve and he was thrown against a stove in which a fire was burning to keep merchandise from freezing Both his legs are badly burned.

HAMPDEN.

Dr. H. Warner has returned from his trip to Denver, Col.

Mrs. L M. Shaw of Palmer has been the guest of Mrs. M. H. Warren.

Mrs. Anna Thiece of New Jersey is the guest of her mother, Mrs Sheldon.

Rev. John Bennett, pastor of the Methodist church, is spending the week in Boston.

Ira Pease, an old resident, is very ill with typhoid pneumonia, and his recovery is doubtful.

The Methodist society gave a bean supper Wednesday evening; there was a large attendance.

Miss Elizabeth Beebe started Tuesday for a visit to Biltimore and Washington. She will be gone about a month.

The Boston and Albany road is taking down the milk house which was partially destroyed by fire, and will build another.

John Kentworthy has bought of Wall & Goodwill the engine, pump and dryer lately used in the Lucowsic mill, and will put them in his own mill, greatly increasing its power.

The widow of Lucius Jennison, who lived in the southwest part of Monson for many years, but who has been in Iowa for nearly twenty years, is the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Erwin Temple and Mrs Will M. Pease.

Liveryman Clark Goodwill contemplates remodeling the boarding house. He will remove some petitions, put in new windows, add a piazza in front, paint, etc, and move there this spring. It will be very convenient for him, as since the burning of his stables a few years since he has had to do a good deal of walking, as his home was so far from his work.

BELCHERTOWN.

Samuel Allen has been appointed superintendent of streets.

Samuel Capen, while working in the F. L. Stebbins saw mill Tuesday, had his hand badly cut and one finger taken off

A small tree in front of a residence on Walnut street was cut down Saturday night by some unknown person or persons.

Rehearsals have commenced for the drama "Imogene, or the witch's secret," which is to be given about the first of April for the benefit of the drum corps.

Mrs. Frank Pellows, accompanied by her son and daughter, went to West Brookfield this week to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. A. D Gilbert.

A children's mission band has been organized and these officers elected: President, Miss May Davis; vice president, Miss Bertha Peese; secretary, Miss Clara Pierce.

At a meeting of the Currents Events Society Monday evening, the following papers were read: "The Klondike and its relations to Canada," Miss L. A. Miller; "Russian America," Miss Belle Snow; "Alaska; its population, climate, productions and education," Mrs. H. F. Curtis; "The routes to the Klondike," Mrs. R. L. Bridgman; "The seal in Alaska," Mrs. M. A. Chapin; "Gold in California," Miss J. Ferry; "The Dreyfus case and Zola's sentence," Miss Alice Walker.

The third institute of the Massachusetts Creamery Association was held at Grange Hall yesterday. The session opened at 10 o'clock in the morning with the following programme: An address by H. C. Burrington, instructor and expert of the Massachusetts dairy school, on "Separators versus Cooley creamer;" dulcimer solo by D. H. Craig; address by Dr. J. B. Lindsey, "Modern important dairy problems." Dinner was served free. The afternoon session was opened at 1 30 o'clock with an address by Prof. F. S Cooley of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, "Payment by the Babcock test." A solo was given by Miss Maud Fairchild. N I. Bowditch of Framingham spoke on "Care of dairy cows and milk."

A meeting of the Hampshire county Pomona Grange will be held in Belchertown April 1st, and the morning session will open at 10 o'clock. Mrs. I. N. Day of South Hadley will read a paper on "Is the present system of education preparing our daughters to become efficient and congenial farmers' wives?" Prof. Charles Wellington of Amherst will follow with an address on "Our state college, what it is doing for its students and for its farmers." The afternoon session will be opened with a discussion, "Is the agricultural college a better place than the farm to learn practical farming?" with A. S Searles of Hadley and Alvertus Morse of Belchertown as leaders. The "round table conference" will be conducted by Prof W. P. Brooks of Amherst, subject, "The disposition of the products of the agricultural college farm"

WILBRAHAM.

The Republicans will hold their caucus next Monday evening in Music Hall.

Miss Alice Flagg of Cambridge has been the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. N. M. Flagg.

Mrs. William R. Newball will entertain the Ladies' Social Union at her home this evening.

The personal property of F G. Hulett will be sold at public auction at Hampden next Monday at 10 a. m.

The Epworth League held its semi-monthly social in the parlors of the Methodist church Monday evening

A meeting of the selectmen was held Tuesday for the purpose of closing up the accounts for the year, but the work was not finished.

Miss Ruth Sikes of Newton, who was formerly a missionary in China, spoke at the Methodist church last evening on "The work in China."

The annual parish meeting of the First Congregational church, which was to have been held Monday, was adjourned one week on account of the funeral services of Mrs Albert Bliss

Mr. and Mrs. E B Gates started Tuesday for Washington, D C., for a visit of two weeks. They will be the guests of Mrs. Adelia Hensley, whose husband is in the treasury department.

Grand Lecturer C. E Peck paid a visit to Unity lodge of Masons at Dalton Tuesday evening, and to the lodge in Pittsfield Wednesday evening. He will visit the lodge in Springfield this evening.

The cantata of "Ruth" will be given in Fisk Hall next Tuesday evening, under the direction of Miss Phebe M. Hooper, supervisor of the department of vocal music at Wesleyan Academy. A. Mackenzie Mattocks, tenor of the cathedral at Albany, will take the part of the first reaper; there will be a chorus of twenty-seven student voices, and Misses Mary E Howard and Edith H. Adams will be accompanists. The cast is as follows: "Ruth," Elizabeth F. Beekman; Naomi, Mrs Harriet A. Burke; Boaz, Edward Kendall; first reaper, A. Mackenzie Mattocks; Orpah, Daisy F. Pierce; Jewish maiden, Florence B. Crosby: messenger, Wesley G. Price; assistant reaper, Edwin C Jones.

Mrs. Orpha Bisbop, widow of the late Albert Bliss, died at her home at Mapleside Farm Saturday morning, after a brief illness. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. M S. Howard, of the First Congregational church, Monday, at her late residence, and the interment was in the family lot in the old cemetery. Her childhood and youth were passed in Monson, where she married Albert Bliss. Some years after her marriage Mr. Bliss purchased Mapleside Farm, and moved his family here, since which time she has been a resident of this town. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Anson Soule, and one son, Ethelbert Bliss, both of Wilbraham. She greatly endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact by her gentle and amiable spirit, and was a most devoted wife and mother.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Cornelia H. M. Blanchard to Alden M. Young, dated July 31st, 1893, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, libro 503, folio 151 will be sold at public auction on the tract of land last herein described on Saturday, the 9th day of April 1898, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, viz: A certain tract of land with the buildings theron situate in Blanchardville in Palmer, in said County of Hampden, and bounded northerly by highway leading past the residence of said Blanchard, easterly by land formerly of J. T. Fay & Co., southerly by Quaboag river and westerly by land formerly of James S. Loomis and land of William B. Bennett and land formerly of A. V. Blanchard, containing about two acres, subject to a private right of way 15 feet wide running southerly from a new road on the northerly part of said tract to land east of said tract. Also a certain other tract of land situate in Monson in said County, bounded northerly by said river and land formerly of said J. T. Fay & Co., easterly by land of J. Rourke, southerly by highway leading from near the residence of one Foley to Brimfield, and westerly by land late of J. H. Smith, deceased; excepting from said last described tract the portion thereof which is bounded northerly by said river, southerly by the road leading from bridge over said river towards Monson about 1650 feet to a stone bound, and westerly by a line leading from said stone bound 31° 50' east 338 feet to said river; excepting also a right to flow said tract with the dam at its height on July 31st, 1893 Also a certain other tract of land situate in said Palmer and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of land formerly of said J. T. Fay & Co. on or near the southwest line of land of the Boston & Albany Railroad Co.; thence south 40° 19' west to the northerly line of the new road; thence easterly on the said northerly line to the intersection of said new road with the southwest line of the old road, thence northeasterly in a line parallel with the first named line to the southwest line of land of said Railroad Company, thence west on said last named line to place of beginning.

All said tracts are subject to the rights of the public in any highways passing through the same and to all unpaid taxes.

$100 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time of sale.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN, ss. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Lovina Ferry, late of Monson, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Luey Hovey of Monson, in said County of Hampden, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, on the sixth day of April, A. D., 1898, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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He can join her rhythmic swaying
In the waltz, at evening time,
He can drink the thrilling music
Of her voice, reciting rhyme,
He can watch her supple movements
At the links or in the court,
In sustaining arms can catch her
When the yacht goes hard-a-port;
And, if these miss, she's one dart left
That never fails to strike—
He can see the maid a-biking
As she bikes upon her bike.

—*M. J. Messer.*

THE MAKING OF A MAN.

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hard hands or soft, whether of body or brain, is spiritual. It is the soul of man that works.

And herein work gives its second title to nobility: it is the means by which the soul reveals herself. My body and my brain have a value because they are the instruments, furnished by God, of the spiritual man created in his image. The nature of that spirit men know in part by the response it makes to their appeals, in part by the direct effort it puts forth in work. God reveals himself in his creation as well as through the prophet's voice; Jesus showed his spirit in the gracious deeds he did, what manner of man he was in the work he chose for himself and in the fidelity with which he performed it. So every man shows himself in the things he does. If he has chosen his work you know his soul by the nature and character of the work he has chosen. At all events you know the man by the quality and quantity of work he essays to perform. You know whether he is intelligent, industrious, self-respecting; whether he is honest, just, truthful, tasteful. All these things a man shows of himself by his handiwork. If there is anything in him this is the way it must come out. He will seize the opportunity to labor, as a poet seizes the pen, or an artist the brush. "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," said Paul. "Produce! produce!" said Carlyle to himself. "Were it but the pitifullest infinitesimal fraction of a Product, produce it in God's name. 'Tis the utmost thou hast in thee: out with it then."

Do you think this revelation of divine energy is possible only to the gifted, the talented, and not to the mediocre? That this principle is true of the artist who paints a picture and not of the painter who paints a fence; of the man who carves a statue and not of the man who smooths the rough ashler and fits it for the wall; of the architect and not of the stonemason; of the poet and not of the pressman; of the master and not of the apprentice? Nay, it is true of all. Every man reveals himself by work. When he does something he sets himself before the eyes of his fellows. So work is sacred as revelation. And let a man, remembering this, say when he goes to his task, as Whitman said when he published his poems:

"Come, said my soul,
Such verses for my body let us write (for we are one),
That should I after death invisibly return,
Or, long, long, hence, in other spheres,
There to some group of mates the chants resuming,
(Tallying earth's soil, trees, tres, winds, tumultuous waves)
Ever with pleased smile I may keep on,
Ever and ever yet the verses owning—as first, I here and now,
Signing for soul and body, set to them my name."

O, when you choose an occupation or a profession let it be one worthy of your talent; one whose legitimate product you will never be ashamed to own. And when you go to your work, however humble it seems to you,

"Do it so faithfully, do so well,
That angels will hasten the story to tell."

Do it so that you may always and forever be willing to own and acknowledge it as yours, before man and God.

Finally, the dignity of labor is manifest in its ministry to life itself. The workshop claims a place beside the home, the school, the library, the church, the playground, as essential to the making of a man. Labor makes the man as well as manifests him. It has its relation to bodily health and strength and skill, to intellectual vigor and power, to moral and spiritual life.

If you are in search of vigorous health, of tireless thews, of strong muscles, of a good appetite and a good digestion go not to the resorts of the idle, to the places where men and women spend their time at play; go to the shops and factories, to the farms and quarries, to the wharves and decks, to engine-cabs and furnace rooms. Go among men to whom morning brings a task, a duty, to whom evening brings well-earned and coveted repose.

Labor is beneficial to the body both directly, in affording its regular and sufficient exercise, but also indirectly. The bread eaten in the sweat of the brow is more wholesome than that eaten in idleness. The muscles will tire and the very sinews will rebel against giving over one's energy to unproductive amusement. The man was wise who would not pound a log for wood choppers' wages. He knew that it would speedily exhaust his energies to "chop wood without seeing the chips fly." The approving, self-respecting mind of the worker has a good influence on his bodily vigor, such as no mere pleasure of the player can have.

Of course these effects are not always wrought by toil.

The studies of professional men, the counting rooms of banks and emporiums, the offices of factories and newspapers often hold men of weakened body and impaired health. Mental exertion is detrimental to the body, unless some pains is taken to afford sufficient exercise in the open air. But study combined with such exercise is perhaps supremely calculated to make a vigorous body. Men of sedentary occupation are not injured so much by the confinement of it as by their failure to promote circulation and deep breathing by light but sufficient exercise.

Again one may go to the stoking rooms of ocean greyhounds, to the galleries and chambers of mines, to the garret factories of city sweat-shops, to country homes, even, and see men and women hollow chested always exhausted and feeble, much the worse for toil. But let us be careful not to lay this at the door of labor: it is not work, it is underpay; it is not exertion but, starvation; it is not labor, but labor in unsanitary places under the tremendous burden that worry for daily bread puts upon them. Thank God for factory legislation, for Christian charity, for an enlightened public opinion, for the growing strength and wisdom of Trades Unions, by each and all of which the conditions under which work is done are being improved. Thank God for the inventive genius of man that creates machinery to perform the hardest and most trying tasks. More and more with the increase of wisdom, and the spread of the Gospel will the condition of the workingman both in his home and in the shop be im-

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Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Society, indorses Dr. Greene's Nervura.

What higher commendation can a medicine have, what more convincing proof, what more positive assurance that Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy will surely cure, than the recommendation and indorsement of the world wide known and universally loved and honored, Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Society!

Such is the world famous Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Society, and her words in praise and recommendation of the wonderful curer of disease, Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, will be a new hope to thousands upon thousands of those who are sick, out of health, weak, nervous, or who suffer from headaches, rheumatism, neuralgia, or other painful and distressing disease, nervous affections or poor and devitalized blood.

Clara Barton says:

"We have tried Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and although the remedy has been in our hands but a short time, we judge that the remedy has all the merits which are claimed for it. We shall still continue its use, with the expectation that we shall be able to endorse it still more highly.

CLARA BARTON,
President of the American National Red Cross, Washington, D. C."

Belva A. Lockwood, foremost woman of her time, cured by Dr. Greene's Nervura.

There is no word so powerful among women, no influence so great, and no authority so high as the utterances of a recognized leader when speaking to her sister women for the good of womankind. When, therefore, the voice of Belva A. Lockwood, of Washington, D. C., who is recognized among women as their mightiest leader and champion in all woman's movements which mark this generation, is raised in the interests of women; when this representative of her sex to such an extent that she has been twice nominated for President of the United States by the Equal Rights Party, publishes the fact to the world that she owes her present good health and strength to the use of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, it comes as a positive proof, a revelation of the way to health to the thousands upon thousands of people who droop and languish under the burden of ill-health, over-taxed strength, nervous disorders and the weaknesses, pains and aches of female complaints.

Mrs. Lockwood says:

"I have used Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and am pleased to say that it has improved my digestion, relieved the sleeplessness under a great nervous strain, during which I believe that sleep would otherwise have been impossible, and seems in every way to have built up my general health. The attacks of faintness to which I had previously been subject have entirely disappeared. It increases the appetite, tends to cheerfulness and general good feeling and leaves no ill effect.

"I can freely recommend it to all persons afflicted with nervous disorders, or that tired feeling which is so common. I recommend it also to nervous people, aged people and to all persons in delicate health.

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Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, wife of the Greatest Preacher and Divine that ever lived, knew and told the wonderful good Dr. Greene's Nervura is doing.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, whose name is revered and honored by everybody, wrote to the people out of deep regard for humanity and an earnest desire to restore the weak, tired, feeble, nervous and suffering, again to health and strength: "I have given some of Dr. Greene's Nervura to several friends who I thought would be benefited by it. They speak highly of it, and feel they have been much benefited by its use. These people are very responsible witnesses as to the beneficial character of the medicine, and I am ready to vouch for the honesty of their approval of Dr. Greene's Nervura. If needed in my own case, I certainly should use it."

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What is the themometer? How is the themometer? What does the thermometer say? There is probably no inquiry which is daily the cause of more awkwardness of expression, for it seems to admit of no convenient form. The same difficulty, no doubt, existed in the early days of clocks, resulting, doubtless, after many twistings and torturings of the then English tongue, into what's o'clock? or what o'clock is it? In spite, however, of all it must then have cost to get a form of words for easy use, that form does not prove transferrable, and cannot be used for the thermometer. Of the time we can say, what time is it? But although the thermometer purports by its name to be a measure of heat, we cannot well say, how hot is it? or how cold is it? For one thing, the cold that the thermometer measures is not the equivalent of the cold that the body feels, as we need much more clothing in Britian, with the thermometer at 40 than in Canada with it at 20. In China they measure the cold by coats. It is a two-coat day or a six-coat day. Probably the most elegant expression within reach is, what is the temperature? This is, however, too learned and abstract a phrase to trip easily on the common tongue.—*Montreal Witness.*

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Were far too merry to flout me.

I dreamt I wore whiskers of cardinal hue,
In which ravens had builded their nests;
I dreamt that my vitals were filled with hot glue,
And that devils at me poked their jests.

I dreamt that a tiger was locked in my room,
And its breath was most painfully nigh;
But just as I died I escaped from my doom
With bitter regrets for the pie.

—*Quincy (Ill.) Herald.*

proved, and work be allowed to perform its perfect ministry to the body.

Again, if you are in search of mental vigor go among men who work. Go, of course, to the sanctums of editors, to the dens of authors, the studios of artists, the libraries of professors and teachers. But go also to the engine-rooms of our mills, search amid the roaring looms, walk among the designers of fabrics and the men who plan; go also to the engine-cabs, to the round-house, to the coal-yards. You shall not find there men of polish, of comprehensive knowledge, of scientific ability and skill. You shall not find them able to argue all questions with you who are fresh from the presence of books and men of culture. But you shall find men whose knowledge is accurate, specific, definite, close to the fact; men who have little patience with fine spun theories, but a desire to know the results of experience; men who could not tell whether the form of your syllogism is correct, but who could pierce through the fallacies of your arguments and detect the flaws in your reasoning.

You think that it must narrow a man to watch a machine make the point of a pin, or a piece of type, or throw the shuttle through the warp. But it does not narrow him. It requires a high degree of mental power to watch a complicated machine do its work, to know when it is out of order and how to fix it. Even the unskilled laborers "must be able to bear in mind many things at a time, to have everything ready when wanted, to act promptly, to show resource when anything goes wrong, to accommodate themselves quickly to changes of detail in the work done." And these essential qualities of intellect are improved by daily exercise. Work disciplines and perfects them.

Let no man think that because he must work with his hands his mind cannot grow. It can grow as much as it will; let him only understand his work, strive to do it well, make use of the opportunities for reading and culture that come in his way, and he shall not want for knowledge or for intellectual life of a particularly positive, energetic character. To work at the anvil, to follow the plow, to stand beside the carpenter's bench strengthens the mind.

Finally, work builds character. The workingman is less susceptible to temptation than the idler. There are certain terrible passions that spring up only in the pampered and indolent body. There are certain foul and base imaginations that find their home in the idle brain. It is in the body and soul of the unemployed that Satan has his workshop. The occupied mind and active body of the toiler are not a hopeful field of devilish operations.

Moreover, work brings a man in contact with reality, and he is made to feel that if his life be not genuine and solid he is not a man. Doing puts to the most searching test the nature of one's being. The laws of nature with which the workingman is in touch are invariable, their reward or their retribution is inevitable. He learns this lesson for life and conduct, and becomes prudent and upright.

Further, the toiling man has a constant work for his will. It is not always easy to keep at work; constant attention, steady application are only possible as the will is used. And every use of the will, whether to keep tired muscles at their task, or to urge the mind into its crowning effort, strengthens it to work out the behest of one's conscience in great matters of right and wrong. Work is a tonic The idler has nothing to give him a genuine self-respect. He degenerates because there is nothing to hold him up to the highest standards. A task inspires a man to do his best; it makes him earnest and faithful. He is to be pitied who has nothing to do; he is to be emulated who has a difficult thing to accomplish.

But time would fail even to name the virtues of patience, endurance, perseverance, of constancy and faithfulness, of truth and honor directly proceeding from work. Strength and beauty of character are the possession of him who labors.

Because Christ stood for eighteen years beside the carpenter's bench, because he gave faithful expression to his soul in making a useful contribution to the world's wealth, because he had this experience of toil to teach him lessons that nothing else could teach him, I am disposed to accept him the more heartily. His deeds, his words mean more to me because he was one of the world's workers.

And I would have labor enter into the making of every man. There is no boy whose prospects of inheriting wealth are so good that he can afford to be without the skill to earning his daily bread. There is none who can afford to live without work even though he might. Welcome, then, to industrial training, to the culture of the hand as well as of the mind, to the giving of every child in every home its useful task, to the apprenticeship of every youth to some productive occupation or profession. Welcome to the day when the right and the duty of every man and every woman to labor shall be recognized. For in that day we shall have grander men than now: in that day the Christ and his disciples shall be one.

AFRICAN IDEAS OF JUSTICE.

The ideas of justice among some of the natives of Africa are very amusing. Dr. Good says:

"One night, some years ago, a leopard killed a very fine calf belonging to Rev. William Walker, of the mission in Gaboon, but was driven off before it had time to eat or carry it away. The same night the chief man of one of the little towns that make up Gaboon had a very fine pig taken by a leopard, presumably the same one. Next morning the man came to Mr. Walker and wanted him to pay him for his hog. Why? Because, as he argued, if the leopard had been allowed to eat the calf, it would not have taken the hog. Mr. Walker, by driving it away from the calf, became directly responsible for its taking the pig, and so ought to pay for it.

"Again, when the explorer Cameron was either in Gaboon, or somewhere on this part of the coast, a native of means was attracted by some of his goods and began to take measures to get them. He paid a man $200 to steal them for him. The man went and tried his best, but Mr. Cameron had perversely locked them up where it was impossible to get them; but he did not want to lose his $200, and ran off. The man who was $200 short by the transaction then came to Mr. Cameron and told him the whole story, demanding of him, first, the $200 which he had caused the complainant to lose by locking up his goods, and, second, the price of the goods he had put out of the thief's reach, and which our cheeky native friend had thereby been made to lose."

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Mr. Hale and a picked corps went to England, taking with them the remarkably quick horses Joe and Dan, and they became world famous. As the quickest harnessing time of the London fire brigade is one minute 17½ seconds, and the Kansas City horses were harnessed in 1½ seconds, and were out of the engine house in less than eight seconds, there could be no competition. In Kansas City, four fine bays were harnessed to the hook-and-ladder truck almost as quick as even Joe and Dan could jump into their harnesses. It was a pretty sight to see these four well-kept horses spring to their places at the stroke of the gong, and in two or three seconds stand ready to run with the apparatus. Joe was killed by an accident; but Dan, with a new mate, is still in service, and as quick as ever.

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TO WILLIAM A. BENSON OF WARREN, MASS., AND TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that by reason of the breach of the conditions contained in the certain mortgage deed given by said William A. Benson to William A. Smith, of date October 20th, 1895, recorded with the Mass. Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Libro 525, Folio 518, and for purpose of foreclosure of it, said mortgage, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, there will be sold at public auction, on the premises, in Brimfield, Mass., on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain tract of land situated in the northwesterly part of Brimfield in our County of Hampden, on the westerly side of the road leading from "Burbank Mills," so-called, to Brimfield aforesaid, bounded: Commencing at a large stone near the "large" gate (which is the entrance to the premises from said road); thence N. 88° E. on line of said road 16 rods and 16 links to land now or formerly of Michael Brosnahan; thence southwesterly by land now or formerly of said Brosnahan to land now or formerly of Asher Nutting; thence southerly by land formerly of said Nutting to land now or formerly of Norman Powers; thence on line of land now or formerly of said Powers to land now or formerly of Charles Collis; thence on line of land now or formerly of said Collis to land now or formerly of Dimphin Brown; thence on land now or formerly of said Brown to the aforesaid highway or road; thence on said road to the first named bound; said tract being same premises described and conveyed by deed of William B. Ransdell to William A. Benson, of date May 1st, 1893, recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book No. 502, Page No. 442. Said premises are to be sold subject to a mortgage of said Benson to the Warren Savings Bank, of date May 1st, 1893, recorded with the said Registry of Deeds, Book No 506, Page No. 128. Said mortgage to said Smith being a second mortgage.

Warren, Mass., March 2d, 1898.

WILLIAM A. SMITH, Mortgagee.
By E. C. SAWYER, his Attorney. 49-3

THE CURLY-HAIRED JUROR.

It is not generally known that there is a well-defined prejudice against curly-haired men when it comes to choosing a jury to try criminal cases. The prejudice, when it is manifested, comes from the defense. When asked to explain the objection to curly-haired men, a prominent practitioner yesterday said: "When I was just starting my legal mentor inculcated that idea in me. He said that curly-haired men had almost invariably been the pampered darlings of their parents, and in their youth had been so used to having their own way that they had come to believe that everybody on earth was wrong except themselves. In this way the seeds of opposition were sown, and when they grow older they make it a point to disagree with everybody and everything. If everybody else on the jury votes for acquittal, they vote for conviction, as a matter of course. They live on combat, and are as stubborn as the days are long. A curly-haired man never gets on the jury when I am defending a man if I can see him in time."—*New Orleans Times-Democrat.*

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Oh, the sparkle of the camp fire on the sheltered woodland shore,
With the forest for a background and the lake spread out before,
While the frail canoes come tossing home to harbor in the bay,
And the star above the sunset marks the passing of the day!

As the summer night grows deeper, how the flame illumes the pines,
And its waverlng reflection on the starlit water shines!
We have drawn a ring of magic in the wilderness and gloom,
And the darkness looms beyond it like the walls of some vast room.

Gathers now the twilight circle, each bronze camper in his place,
While the laughter of the firelight meets the laughter on his face;
And we sing the good old ballads and the rolling college glees
Till the owl far up the mountain hoots defiance in the trees.

Then the story and the laughter pass the merry circle round,
And the intervening silence thrills with many a woodland sound—
Now the weird and ghostly challenge of the solitary loon,
Now the whistle of a plover journeying southward 'neath the moon.

Ah, the charm that hangs forever round the camp fire's ruddy glow
For the sage and for the savage, for the high and for the low!
There is something grand and godlike being roofed with stars and skies,
And lulled solemnly to slumber by primeval lullabies.

—*James Buckham, in Youth's Companion.*

LAID BY THE HEELS.

"Who cashed this check, Megson?" asked the manager of Armitage's bank, handing the paper across to the cashier.

"That check?" repeated Megson, glancing at it. "Drawn by John Hewitt for 450 pounds? Why, I cashed it myself this morning. It's all regular, isn't it?"

"Just look at it again," was the reply, "especially at the final 't' of the signature."

"Megson adjusted his spectacles in some trepidation, and held up the check to the gas-light.

"I didn't notice that," he exclaimed anxiously. "It looks like a pencil mark, certainly, as if the name had been first written in pencil and then inked over. Good gracious! I hope it's all right. We were very busy at the time, Mr. Warner, and that thick fog coming on so suddenly—"

"It may be all right, as you say; but I think we'd better satisfy ourselves on the point at once."

A messenger was despatched without delay to the residence of Mr. Hewitt; the signature at the foot of the order was pronounced a forgery. Further investigation showed that a blank leaf had been purloined from the check-book Mr. Hewitt kept in his writing-desk in the library—a book he had not had occasion to use for over a month, all the requisite disbursements during that time having been made through his office check-book.

Although searching inquiries were instituted, nothing could be discovered as to when, or by whom, the blank form had been abstracted. No person known to Mr. Hewitt answered in any particular to the description Megson gave of the individual to whom the money had been paid.

It was then that Scotland Yard was communicated with, and through this step the details of the case came to my knowledge.

"Hamilton," said Superintendent Beaver, calling me into his room, "as you don't start for New York on that extradition business till to-morrow, I wish you'd just see what you can do in this matter. Let's see, here's the cashier's sketch of the woman: 'Dressed in dark clothes, short and stout, snow-white hair, red nose, diamond and sapphire cluster ring.' He guessed her age at 65, and she led him to understand that the check—endorsed 'Mary Wooler'—was in payment of some house property she had engaged Mr. Hewitt to sell. Pretty clear that!" with a laugh, "and you can't miss the red nose."

As a rubicund nasal organ is by no means the exclusive property of Mrs. Wooler, I thought Superintendent Beaver very sanguine if he expected me to trace her by that feature alone. As it chanced, however, I was more fortunate than I had hoped.

After a long day's rushing hither and thither—to railway stations, banks, restaurants and cab ranks—I lit upon a Jehu who had driven a woman, tallying with the description of Mrs. Wooler, from the Strand to Euston station He had reason to remember her, he said, for "didn't I hev to lead my 'oss most o' the way, the fog were that thick, and didn't she offer me a bloomin' two shillin'!"

From the hooking-clerk at Euston I learned that the indignant cabby's fare had taken a first-class ticket for Liverpool.

Elated with my success, I returned to Scotland Yard and reported progress.

"A first-rate day's work," said Superintendent Beaver. "Liverpool, you say? Beyond a doubt the old lady means to quit the country straight away. Let me see, there a boat leaves for America to-day—the next one's the Lombardia, which sails to-morrow. That's the vessel you're going by, I think?"

I assented.

"Well, if Mrs. Wooler is leaving England at all—a mere surmise, of course—she'll go by that. I'll telegraph to the Liverpool police to be on the lookout. In case she eludes them, you might keep your eyes open during the voyage."

Nothing had been seen of Mrs. Wooler when I arrived at Liverpool and a careful scrutiny of every passenger on board the liner convinced me that she was not among them. As I did not intend to let the disappointment interfere with my enjoyment of the voyage, I lost no time in making friends among my fellow-passengers.

Mr. Joshua K. Long and his wife occupied the cabin adjoining mine; Joshua, a thin, lanky man of 50; his wife, a sprightly little body perhaps 10 years younger.

On the other side of me was Mr. Hitchin, a fat, pompous Manchester merchant, and beyond his was the cabin alloted to an elderly spinster, Miss Engelby. The next cabin to Joshua's was that of Mrs. Beslake and her daughter, Annie; the mother being a tall fragile-looking lady, while her daughter, slim and graceful, possessed as pretty a face as it had ever been my lot to look upon.

How vividly I can recall the delightful tete-a-tete Miss Beslake and I had together! If she had been aware that I was only a police officer probably she would have been more reserved, but that fact I had thought well to keep to myself; the captain of the Lombaria alone knew the nature of my errand to New York.

I was standing near the rail revolving this topic in my mind and making feeble resolutions to deny myself Miss Beslake's company in future, when one of the sailors hastened toward me.

"The cap'n would like to see you, sir," the man said, "in his cabin."

Wondering what could have occasioned the summons, I went below. Mr. Joshua K. Long was in close conversation with Captain Cummon when I entered the latter's cabin.

"A very disagreeable matter, intensely disagreeable," said Captain Cummin, who knew who and what I was. "Mr. Long tells me he has lost a purse containing over £20 in gold—stolen from his cabin this morning. He left the purse there when he and his wife went on deck after breakfast We've hunted high and low for it, but it can't be found anywhere."

"You suspect no one?" I asked the American, when I had gathered all the details

"No, I can't say I do," he drawled. "I reckon thar's a few queer folk hanging round. That man Hitchin, located next door to you, is gruff as a grizzly, and Miss Eugelby's mighty fond o' prying about; but suspect, no, I hevn't the shadow of a reason for suspecting anybody."

"Well," I added, turning to the captain, "I don't see what can be done beyond keeping a close watch in future. The thief may be emboldened by his present success to try his games again. As regards Mr. Long's loss, it will be impossible to identify the stolen coins, and by this time probably the purse has been dropped overboard."

For my own part, I was inclined to think that the purse had simply been mislaid, and that it would sooner or later turn up in some corner, hitherto overlooked, of the cabin. At all events, the matter ceased to trouble me.

To while away the tedium of the long and often cold evenings when we could not remain on deck with comfort, impromptu concerts would be started in the music-room, and on these occasions Miss Beslake sometimes sang. She possessed a rich contralto voice which held one entranced—the notes, sweet, sympathetic and low as a blackbird's. Naturally, when the great concert was organized in the saloon, two days before we passed Sandy Hook, Miss Beslake was asked to take part in it. She readily consented.

As I made my way along the main deck toward the saloon, I saw Mrs. Beslake and her daughter just ahead of me. Mrs. Beslake was reading a letter she held in her hand; presently she tore it up and tossed the shreds overboard.

A scrap of the paper, borne upward by the wind, fell on the deck at my feet. I could scarcely control the cry that rose to my lips. Stooping, I picked up the fragment and placed it securely in my pocket.

The concert was an unequivocal success; Miss Beslake especially was rapturously applauded by the enthusiastic listeners. Although I had never before seen Miss Beslake wear jewelry of any description, on this night she had a small gold brooch at her neck, and a ring, set with sapphires and diamonds, on her finger.

At the end of the concert I crossed over to her, and with a host of other people, offered my congratulations.

She smiled.

"I am glad you enjoyed it, Mr. Hamilton," she said. "I felt like singing to-night."

After a short internal I added—

"Excuse me, Miss Beslake, but what an exceedingly pretty ring you are wearing. I don't remember noticing it before."

She held it up to me.

"I haven't worn it for a long time. It is rather pretty, isn't it?" she said.

I looked at the ring carefully. My fears were confirmed. The ring was undoubtedly that described by the cashier of Armitage's bank as having been upon the hand of Mrs. Wooler, the forger of the check.

I have no distinct recollection of how I got out of the saloon, but I know that I tossed and tumbled in my berth the live-long night, tortured by racking thoughts. Before the dawn stole in upon me my resolution was formed. I flung inclination to the winds, and determined to take my stand by honor and duty.

Accompanied by Mr. Long I sought the captain. Taking the torn slip of paper from my pocket I handed it over to the Yankee, and asking him if he recognized it.

"Where did you get this?" he exclaimed in surprise. "Recognize it? Why, it's part of the last letter I had from my son in Chicago, and I kept it folded up in the purse that was stolen."

"I know you did," I replied. "Don't you remember that your paternal pride in the writer induced you to let me read it when we were off Queenstown?"

"Of course I do But I guess my paternal pride didn't go so far as to give you the full epistle. Where did you get this?"

I soon enlightened him on that point. The astonishment of my auditors increased tenfold when I went on to detail the other misgivings that had arisen in my mind.

"It's little more than conjecture yet, and I must ask Captain Cummin to help me in confirming it," I concluded.

"Willingly," said the captain. "How can I assist you?"

"You have the keys, I presume, for the various cabins?" I replied. "Mrs. Beslake and her daughter are now on deck. Perhaps Mr. Long would kindly go to them and keep them in conversation for half an hour. In the meantime you and I will see what we can find."

In the cabin of the two ladies my apprehensions received abundant information. With some difficulty I succeeded in forcing the catch of a large portmanteau that stood in the corner of the compartment. The first object that met my eye was a wig of white hair; under it lay a box of grease paints, similar to those used by actors in making up.

Mr. Long's purse was not to be seen, but at the bottom of the portmanteau we found a pocket-book containing several bank-notes, the numbers of which agreed with the list given me of the notes paid away by the bank on the spurious check. We had reached this stage of our search when the cabin door suddenly swung open, and Miss Beslake appeared in the entrance.

"What is the meaning of this—this ungentlemanly proceeding?" she cried, not without a tremor of fear in her tones.

"It means that you are strongly suspected of having stolen 20 pounds from Mr. Long's cabin," replied the captain, awkwardly.

"Suspected!" echoed the young lady, angrily. "Do you mean that on bare suspicion you have subjected me to this outrage? And you, Mr. Hamilton—"

"I am very sorry," I said, stepping forward, "but it is more than suspicion with me. The notes I hold in my hand are part of the proceeds of a check forged on the Messrs. Armitage's bank. How came they in your possession?"

It is needless to describe the scene that ensued; even now I cannot recall it without a pang of sorrow. Suffice it to say that on my return to England I had three prisoners under my care—Mrs. and Miss Beslake, as well as Tom Purdoe, whose safe custody back to London had been the primary object of my mission. Of him it is not necessary to speak here.

Miss Beslake was identified by Mr. Hewitt as a former governess of his children, she having left his employment a month prior to the presentation of the check. In her confidential capacity she had no difficulty in obtaining access to the library, and so accomplish her nefarious purpose.

A white wig, an assumed stoop, liberal padding and the judicious use of grease paint, had afterward, in the fog-laden air, been sufficient to disguise her effectually. She had stepped into the carriage at Euston a decrepit old woman, and issued forth it a bright and agile girl. At Liverpool her mother had met her, Mrs. Beslake having reasons of her own for not wishing to be seen in London.

There can be no doubt that in reality Mrs. Beslake was the prime mover in the whole disreputable affair; for at the trial, before sentence was passed upon them, it was conclusively shown that she had more than once served terms of imprisonment for similar offenses.

WHAT FRANKLIN DID.

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It was he who caused Philadelphia to be paved, lighted and kept clean.

He invented, when fuel was scarce, the Franklin stove, which economized it; and other heating inventions later on, in which this country leads all others.

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He was the first effective promulgator of the gospel of ventilation.

He made important electrical discoveries, and, as is said, "robbed thunder of its terrors and lightning of its power to destroy."

He was instrumental in founding the first High School in Pennsylvania; he protested until his death against using the funds of that institution in teaching the youth the languages of Greece and Rome, when French, Spanish and German were so much more required in regular commercial transactions.

He founded the American Philosophical Society, the first organization of the friends of science in this country.

His aid was valuable in founding the Pennsylvania Hospital.

He led that state in its struggle of 30 years against the tyranny of the Penns.

When the Indians were carrying on bloody marauding expeditions within 80 miles of Philadelphia, he commanded and led the troops of the city that were sent against them.

He was the author of the first scheme for uniting the colonies; his scheme contained many features that bind the states of the Union to-day.

More than any other man he was instrumental in causing the repeal of the stamp act, and more than any other man he educated the colonies up to independence.

He discovered the temperature of the Gulf Stream, and that northeast storms begin in the southwest.

It was he who directed attention to the advantage of building ships in water-tight compartments, getting the idea from the Chinese.

In Paris he saved the alliance from being destroyed repeatedly, and brought the negotiations for peace to a successful close

He labored for the abolition of slavery toward the close of his life, and in aid of those emancipated.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

HIS CHEAP HAIRCUT.

There is in New York City a little German barber-shop, the proprietor of which has a grievance against the Irish race that will not be wiped out for some time. One evening, in his hearty German way, he welcomed a customer—a burly son of Ireland with an enormous shock of hair, who roughly cried:

"Oi want a haircut. Do yez moind?"

"Yah, von haircut mit der head?"

"Yis, that's it; wan hair cut," and with a yawn the Celtic gentlemen threw himself in the chair.

While the barber was preparing his scissors the Irishman nodded a few times, and in a short while had apparently dropped into a doze. The barber went industriously to work and the locks fell with every snip of the scissors. Meanwhile the Irishman slept on. At last the hair was cut and brushed, and the barber exclaimed:

"Ach, dat is good. You looks joost like von gentleman."

With a start the man of Ireland awoke and gave a glance in the mirror.

"Say, Germany, did Oi ask yez to cut my hair?"

"Yah, dot's vot I do."

"What's that? Did Oi say Oi wanted my hair cut? Did Oi?"

"Yah, yah! Dot's right."

With a rush the Irishman grabbed him by the collar.

"Look here, Germany, Oi said Oi wanted a hair cut; that's wan hair—do yez hear?—the long wan that was hanging in front. For what do yez want to be cuttin' all of thim? Oi'll have the liw on yez at once for that." And with a wrathful countenance he slapped on his hat and left the place before the astonished barber could recover from his fright.

When the rollicking Irish wit turned the corner he was heard to remark: "Faith, that's a chape way to git a haircut."—*Harper's Round Table.*

THE "REBECCA" GANGS OF WALES.

They have strange and vigorous methods of enforcing the laws of morality in the parish of Llanhister, which is situated in the hills of the purely agricultural county of Radnorshire, South Wales. Scandalized at a breach of the laws of morality, which they believed to have been committed, the parishioners a few nights ago formed what is known in Wales as a "Rebecca" gang, and, attired in a variety of costumes and with faces sooty black, serenaded the alleged delinquent's house. The woman who was suspected was also fetched. Both, in a nearly nude condition, were marched to the river Cwmdwa, which flows close by. In its waters they were submerged, and then made to walk backward and forward through the stream for the space of nearly 20 minutes. While in the stream the man made a desperate attempt to escape, but in crossing a weir he came a cropper, and was recaptured The two were then made to run up and down the fields, and were well belabored with straps and sticks

Then they were escorted back in procession to the man's house, where the "Rebecca" sat in judgment. The couple were condemned to undergo further flogging and to march up and down the fields hand in hand. Their hair was cut off, and, besides, they had to undergo many other indignities. Tar and feathers were procured, but the more cautious prevailed on their companions not to administer such a dreadful punishment.

This extraordinary affair appears to have given the greatest satisfaction to the inhabitants, who feel that a great blot on the rustic innocence of their parish has been avenged.—*London Daily Mail.*

A Telegram.

The husband's face grew deadly pale,
As the telegram he read
"Oh, come to me at once, for I
Am dying" thus it said.

He scarcely paused to lock the safe,
So great was his distress,
But dashed away in frantic haste
To catch the fast express

At last he reached the watering place
And rushed to the hotel
Where he the week before had left
His young wife strong and well.

Amazement! there she sat, attired
In fashion's latest style,
The rose of health upon her cheek,
Upon her lips a smile.

"What did you mean?" he almost gasped.
"I feared that you were dead"
"Oh, no, but I was dying just
To see you," so she said.

"Then why did you not write it so"
"Because you said, dear Bee,
In wiring use but just ten words,
And so I stopped at ten.

—*Helen W. Green, in Munsey's Magazine.*

WASN'T CONTRADICTING HIM.

It was plain to the casual observer that something had happened to displease the man with high cheek bones and chin whiskers. He was raging up and down the waiting room of the rural railway station and shouting at the top of his voice.

"Who is the man as scattered the report around the country that I don't do a lick of work in six months an' that it's lucky for me my wife hosses me? Who is it?"

The crowd of loiterers who had been sitting around the stove had dispersed. A number of them were looking through the window at him in curiosity and alarm.

"Show me to 'im!" he vociferated. "I ain't goin' to be insulted an' imposed on no longer. I'm as gentle as a shote when I'm left alone, but I'm a lion when I'm roused. That's what I am."

The station master looked out from the ticket office window, which he had cautiously raised, and queried:

"If you were to find the person that said it, Lem, what would you do?"

"I'd show 'im what it is to stir up a sleeping lion; that's what I'd do."

A tall woman entered the room and exclaimed:

"I heard you was creatin' some disturbance down here, and I thought I'd come and see what the trouble is. It's a lucky thing for you that you've got a wife who ain't afraid to boss you. An' it's only to be expected that idleness would git you into trouble. You ain't done any work in six months. What was that talk I heard about lions?"

"I was explainin' that there are times when I am a reg'lar lion—an'," he resumed with a very obvious and ineffectual effort to be fierce. "I want you to understand, madam, that I don't want no contradiction from nobody. When a man is a reg'lar lion you want to look out fur 'im."

"I ain't a-goin' to counterdict, Lem," she answered. "But I want to call your attention to how some lions act. Do you remember when we was to the circus how the lion snorted around the cage and roared and scared the children?"

"Yes, and I feel like him this minute."

"To be sure. But ye mustn't forgit the way that lion calmed right down an' did what he was told when a lady in brown tights come into the cage with a club. You kin have yer own way, Lem, an' be a lion; but don't you make no mistake an' think you're a roamin' monarch of the desert. You're a circus lion! that's what you are. An' while I may not have no brown tights," she added, as she followed him to the door, "I reckon I kin manage to go ahead, and give the performance, jes' the same."—*Washington Star.*

THE MOST VERSATILE OF RIVERS.

The Seine is the most versatile of rivers. Most people seem to think that it is only to cross over, because of the frequent bridges; or, if they read the papers, that it is mostly used by persons of a theatrical turn to commit suicide in. But it has many other uses. It is a sewer; it is a highway for floating omnibuses or fly boats, which carry more people between different parts of the city than any 10 tramways; it is a navigable stream for deep water craft—from England principally—and affords a dozen ports in the city of Paris alone; it is a canal, upon which there float more canal boats than upon any regular canal in France; it is a bathtub, not only for people (in the many floating baths which line its banks), but also for horses, cows, and dogs, which have each a designated bathing place; it is a swimming pond for many ducks and geese; it is a reservoir, from which water is pumped for the cleansing of the city streets; it is a laundry tub, in which more than 9-10 of the clothes of the citizens of Paris are washed—washing never being done at home, even by the poorest people. Last, and most important, it is the angling ground for the world's most patient fisherman. Perhaps fish have been caught in the Seine, because often men have protested that they have caught them, but no one—if the same men be excepted—ever saw one caught. This fact, notwithstanding the passion for fishing, and fishing in the Seine particularly, a French statesman has called the evil cocpual with the drinking of absinthe that is undermining the nation. Spring, summer, autumn, winter, morning, noon, and evening, rain or shine, the Parisian world stands on the quays with a hook in the water waiting for a bite. Men, women and children are in the crowds, and some look poor and some look rich. But nobody ever looks other than expectant. The waiters of the cafes and restaurants in the Champ Elysees take advantage of the dull hours, and, bareheaded, aproned, and with napkins covering their immaculate shirt bosoms, seek a place in the ranks; cabmen, too, and errand boys and tramps—everybody. If a census were taken some fine day it would indubitably show that at least 1-20 of the population of Paris was always fishing—*Paris Letter in New York Sun.*

A RETORT BY WENDELL PHILLIPS.

Several clergymen boarded a street car in Boston one day, and one of them, hearing that Wendell Phillips was in the car, got up and asked the conductor to point him out. The conductor did so, and the minister, going up to the orator, said: "You are Mr. Phillips, I am told?" "Yes, sir." "I should like to speak to you about something, and I trust, sir, you will not be offended!" "There is no fear of it," was the sturdy answer, and the minister began to ask Mr. Phillips earnestly why he persisted in stirring up such an unfriendly agitation in one part of the country about an evil that existed in another part. "Why," said the clergyman, "do you not go South and kick up this fuss and leave the North in peace?" Mr. Phillips was not in the least ruffled, and answered smilingly: "You, sir, I presume, are a minister of the gospel?" "I am, sir," said the clergyman. "And your calling is to save souls from hell?" "Exactly, sir." "Well, then, why don't you go there?"—*Argonaut.*

"How are you to-day?" asked the doctor. "Oh! I'm feeling all right," replied the patient who was paralyzed on his left side.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

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The friction for several years which has existed over the arrangements for caring for the state insane seems to be in way of removal by the report for the establishment of a state board of insanity. This bill was reported unanimously by the committee on public charitable institutions. It provides for the appointment of a board of five persons, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to have terms of five years each, after the system is in running order, one member to retire each year. They are to have jurisdiction over all of the hospitals and asylums for the insane, public and private, and also over the asylum for epileptics, the inebriate asylum, the asylum for the feeble-minded, and the hospital cottages for children. They are to be removable by the Governor for cause.

Large powers over the committal and management of the insane are given to the Board Two at least of their number must be medical experts in insanity. The word "lunatic" is to be dropped from the names of the state institutions, and the word "insane" is to be substituted wherever possible. As the word "insane" means simply "unsound" in its original form, this is regarded as taking all stigma from unfortunate persons and expressing mildly the truth about their condition. "Lunatic," meaning that the person is under the influence of the moon, partakes of an old and unreasoning superstitution. The board is given much authority over its subordinates, and every precaution has been taken to guard those poor wretches whose reason has departed so that they are unable to guard themselves. It looks as if there would be no material opposition to the passage of the bill.

Still the state house is not free from the gas scandal. The defeat by the Senate of the House order for an investigation by a special committee has by no means satisfied those most active that they ought to sit still and do nothing. Meanwhile, a new spurt of life has appeared in the committee on manufactures. They have before them the report of the gas and electric light commission in which the salient facts of the situation, as far as they are known now to the commission, are set forth. The committee went straight at the point and questioned Chairman Barker of the commission regarding the details of the transactions. He confessed that he did not know nearly as much as ought to be known, but said that something could be done further by the board in way of suggestion, if they had more time. He told the committee enough to lead them to go much further, if they are disposed to do so. But his language was not as strong as that of Commissioner Schaff in condemnation of the gas combination. It seems that there are at best only about $4,000,000 of capital, on which there has been issued the enormous sum of $17,500,000 in securities upon which the gas-consuming public will have to pay interest, unless the law breaks up the combination. Gen. Schaff said that every consumer ought to pay enough for his gas to enable a fair dividend to be paid on the stock of the corporation, but he could not see how any consumer ought to be required to pay more than that. The matter is still in the air. The committee have enough information on which to base action, and it seems inevitable that some legislation will result, but it does not yet appear that there is any way of breaking the complicated and gigantic ring which now controls the Boston public as far as relates to the consumption of gas.

The House has voted by a large majority for the bill to prevent the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. There was but little debate on the first stage and none whatever on the second. The sentiment of the House is honestly in favor of restricting the use of cigarettes, and the statistics which were presented in the first debate are enough, but the expectation is that the Senate will kill the bill. The dignified upper branch has a way of knocking on the head some of the cherished reforms of the House, and the undercurrent of talk, even in the House end, is that another instance will occur here as soon as the Senate has an opportunity.

Another House bill, that providing that all executions shall be by electricity in the state prison, is more likely to go through both branches. Some conservative members thought that hanging was a good enough method of execution and argued that there was no demand for this reform, but the force of conservatism was only just strong enough to emphasize the larger belief that it was for the public benefit to take from local communities the demoralization of executions and to have the infliction of the sentence carried out in as painless and little repulsive a manner as possible. An effort was made to change the provision for execution between midnight and 6 a. m. to the hours from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m , but the plea that the public would be more curious and demonstrative in full day prevented the House from adopting the change.

An adverse report will be made on the petition that a Cape Cod canal may be built by convict labor. Gov. Wolcott gave the idea a quasi commendation and so it had some support, but the business aspect of the enterprise has never been encouraging, and it was thought that the state ought not to enter upon a probable losing scheme.

One of the new things of this session is the reporting of a bill for the employment of convicts for the reclamation of waste land. The idea is similar to that in the discarded notion of constructing a Cape Cod canal, but it is proposed to turn this convict labor into what is believed to be a remunerative channel The bill which has been reported gives the governor and council authority to buy any area up to 1000 acres of waste or unclaimed land for the purpose of employing convicts upon it. It is proposed to house them in temporary buildings erected for the purpose in what is called an industrial camp. Supervision of their work is to be in the hands of the general superintendent of prisons, the state highway commission and the state board of agriculture. Means are provided for preventing escapes. This a novel proposition, one which has not been debated in any legislature, so no predictions can be made yet.

The plan for a mill tax for the support of public schools, which was vetoed by Gov. Wolcott last year, was heard this week by the committee on taxation and education sitting jointly. They reported on Wednesday, the day of the hearing. There are 26 members on the two committees, and there were six dissenters from the report that the bill be referred to the next Legislature. But the member who was most interested, and who did most of the hard work last year, Mr. Porter of Attleboro, has been absent sick for weeks. If he had been present the result would have been different, though he might not have carried his point. It is certain that there will be a fight on the bill, but no one can tell which way it will go. Last year the committee report was strongly favorable, so the plan seems to have lost ground this year.

The House committee on rules reported unanimously in the House Thursday in favor of admitting the bills to revoke and annull the charters of the Massachusetts Pipe Line Company and of the Boston Gas Light Company. One of the members who reported on one of the bills was Dr. Hayes of Lowell, who was the chief figure in trying to defeat the investigation in the House. This is a further blow at the Boston gas ring, and it looks as if the friends of the people had determined not to let up on the gas combination.

LANDON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Lawn Fertilizers at Holbrook's.

PALMER NEWS.

TWO NEW SELECTMEN CHOSEN.

The Result a Considerable Surprise. J. A. Hawkes Makes a Good Run for Tax Collector.

That Monday's election would place two new selectmen on the board was a result looked for by very few. There was thought to be a possibility of defeating either Mr. Brainerd or Mr. Twiss, but that both should be "knocked out" was hardly dreamed of. As it was the vote was very close, there being a difference of only eight votes between the successful candidates. Mr. Twiss lacked only one vote of an election, while Mr. Brainerd, who stood fifth, was only 25 behind the head of the ticket; there was a difference of only 39 votes between the first and last man. The element which captured the Republican caucus was much in evidence in Thorndike, where the new candidates got an average of 155 against 99 for the old board. The village of Palmer also gave the new candidates better support than had been reckoned on.

Another close contest was for the office of tax collector, J. A. Hawkes developing unexpected strength and giving H. A. Northrop a close call, being only 21 votes behind. For cemetery commissioner for two years there was also a decided fight, Mr. Strong winning by the narrow margin of 23.

The vote in detail follows, a star (*) indicating election, and a donble star (**) reelection.

SELECTMEN.

PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	Total
*Michael J. Dillon, r,	225	166	70	42	503
*Charles L. Holden, r,	222	143	73	55	493
*George M. Atkins, d,	253	101	76	64	494
John F. Twiss, d,	220	96	123	64	503
Charles T. Brainerd, d,	236	101	82	59	478
Charles E. Fuller, r,	204	151	66	43	464
Blanks,	86	38	45	28	197
ASSESSORS.					
**John O. Hamilton, r, d,	320	193	84	96	693
**Andrew A. Warriner, d,	299	135	110	57	601
**Harry T. Bishop, d,	193	144	85	79	521
James Knox, r,	238	98	70	40	446
Harvey Chapman, r,	163	67	54	32	316
Blanks,	233	164	122	50	569
OVERSEERS OF POOR THREE YEARS.					
**Harry T. Bishop, r,	248	90	101	48	487
John W. Fay, d,	157	156	58	66	437
Blanks,	77	21	16	4	118
SCHOOL COMMITTEE THREE YEARS.					
**Charles E. Fisli, r, d,	395	158	119	86	758
**Wm. E. McIlonald, r, d,	337	187	101	92	717
Blanks,	246	189	129	60	624
SCHOOL COMMITTEE TWO YEARS.					
*R. E. Smith, r,	328	152	108	87	675
Blanks,	101	115	67	31	374
TOWN CLERK.					
**James B. Shaw, r,	308	131	116	65	620
Francis D. Barton, d,	132	110	42	47	331
Blanks,	42	26	17	6	88
TOWN TREASURER.					
**James B. Shaw, r,	395	121	111	63	690
Francis D. Barton, d,	132	108	41	48	329
Blanks,	45	38	23	7	113
BOARD OF HEALTH THREE YEARS.					
*Dr. J. P. Schneider, r,	343	74	60	36	513
Dr. Joseph C. Bonlay, d,	66	157	94	69	386
Blanks,	73	36	21	13	143
TAX COLLECTOR.					
**H. A. Northrop, r,	246	100	87	63	496
James A. Hawkes, d,	289	141	77	48	475
Blanks,	27	26	11	7	71
AUDITORS.					
**Charles K. Gamwell, r, d,	339	174	116	88	737
**Samuel H. Hellyar, r, d,	344	162	105	82	693
Blanks,	261	198	129	66	654
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER THREE YEARS.					
*Hiram E. W. Clark. r,	351	157	111	74	693
Blanks,	131	110	64	44	349
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER TWO YEARS.					
*Homer C. Stong, r,	263	73	83	33	452
William H. Hart, d,	134	152	71	72	429
Blanks,	84	42	21	13	160
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER ONE YEAR.					
*Henry G. Loomis, r,	336	144	105	69	654
Blanks,	146	123	70	49	388
CONSTABLES.					
**Samuel Brown, r, d,	320	169	105	59	653
*H. A. Northrop, r, d,	325	124	100	83	632
**John F. Luman, d,	249	194	107	81	531
**Michael Collins, d,	217	166	104	105	592
**John J. Manning, d,	213	158	118	72	561
Thomas J. Conroy, r,	210	109	50	36	405
Frank W. Lavine, r,	160	62	59	27	308
Blanks,	716	393	292	127	1427
FENCE VIEWERS.					
*Dennis Mahoney, d,	269	167	110	77	623
**Frank A. Barker, d,	267	136	127	75	605
**John K. Knox, d,	282	138	111	71	602
Blanks,	628	360	177	131	1296
LICENSE.					
**Yes,	227	171	86	83	567
No,	218	76	84	28	406
Blanks,	37	20	5	7	69

Notes.

All of the constables elected have qualified.

The two new members of the board of selectmen bring experience with them, both having served on the board before.

The vote was an unusually large one, as will be seen by the following table:

PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	Total.
Registration,	554	298	189	137	1175
Vote,	482	267	175	118	1042
Not voting,	63	31	14	19	133

The selectmen met Tuesday and organized with M. J. Dillon as chairman. T. W. Kenefick was appointed town counsel, and J P. Eastman was appointed night police in the Depot village until after the adjourned meeting next Monday.

The vote as originally announced gave Dillon 504, Holden 499, Atkins 496, Twiss 492, Brainerd 478, Fuller 460. The figures were so close that a recount was asked for, and the registrars of voters went over the ballots yesterday afternoon. While the result was not changed some errors were found and the correct figures are even closer than originally announced, Twiss being shut out by just one vote.

Precinct C was the first to get the returns in. Counting was commenced when there were about 65 ballots in the box, and as fast as a like number was deposited 50 were taken out and counted, and when the polls closed there were only five ballots in the box uncounted. The returns were in at 3 45. This course might well be adopted by the other precincts. D was second at 5 15, B followed at 5 45, and A came last at 7 o'clock.

The size of the license vote was a surprise. Boudsville, which was a tie last year, gave 58 for license; this is accounted for by the license across the river in Belchertown, Boudsville having had one experience with a license there and none in this town, and not caring to repeat the experiment, especially as the electric road would bring many undesirable elements from other villages. Three Rivers, which last year gave 14 no, gave two yes. Thorndike gave exactly the same as last year, 95 yes. The Depot village gave 9 yes this year against 52 last year. The majority for license, 161, is the largest for a number of years.

Considerable speculation is afloat as to the effect of the election on various matters, the licenses, care of the highways, night police appointments should the town vote to continue the service, etc. The general opinion seems to be that there will be a change in the license holder at Thorndike, though the selectmen will not find the allotment for that village an easy task; there are four aspirants besides the present holder, and each has already begun to "hustle" among his friends and to pull what wires he can. A change is also said to be slated for Three Rivers, and it would not be the strangest thing that ever happened if some of the present holders in the Depot village were disappointed in their hopes of a renewal. Should the town vote to continue the night police service there will probably be a shake-up among the officers, there being several new applications for the positions. Another change that is being freely talked of is in the care of the highways, W. F Fillmore of Three Rivers being named as Mr. Brainerd's successor.

WHAT THE TOWN REPORTS SHOW.

A Vast Amount of Information and Suggestion for the Voters.

The town and school reports were mailed to the voters last Saturday forenoon, so that they had time to peruse them before the election on Monday. A summary of the figures and the work done has usually been published a few days in advance of the appearance of the reports, but this year the selectmen decided that the voters should get their first information from the reports themselves, and no figures were given out. The only material departure from former custom is the detailed report of the receipts and expenditures at the town farm, which the voters have been clamorous for during the past two years. A summary of the reports follows.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of this official shows the receipts of the year to have been $133,787.44, the expenditures $131,855 06, leaving a balance in the treasury of $1,932 38. Among the payments have been: State tax, $2030; national bank tax, $1526 47; county tax, $3380 46; Palmer Savings Bank, loans, interest and notes representing town debt, $63,331 46; state and military aid, $1346 33; cost of district, $306 69; selectmen's orders, $28,266 84; overseers of the poor orders, $7219 11; school committee orders, $20,975 77.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The selectmen report that on March 1st, 1897, the debt of the town was $44,275 Since then, in accordance with the vote of the town, additional land was purchased for the cemetery in the Depot village at the cost of $3000, this amount being borrowed from the Palmer Savings Bank, making the debt of the town $47,275. In accordance with the vote of the town and an act of the Legislature bonds to the amount of $40,000 have been issued. They were purchased by Boston parties, with a premium amounting to $1825. The sum of $5913 has been collected from the Boston and Albany railroad and the State of Massachusetts on account of the grade crossing changes at Blanchardville and Tenneyville. This sum, with the premium on the bonds, was used to pay the debt in excess of the $40,000, so that the town's indebtedness is now represented by forty one-thousand dollar bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and payable two each year until all are paid. In regard to the Burleigh crossing, a conference has been held with the Boston and Albany railroad, which resulted in an agreement to begin the work of separating the grades at once, and it is hoped that this crossing may be abolished this year. The amount expended by the town for the separation of the grades at the Ferrell crossing to date is $916 50. It is probable that one-half this amount will be returned when a final settlement is made.

In regard to highways, the excess of expenditures over appropriations is due to the fact that a large amount of the appropriation was used in the earlier part of the season, and on account of the heavy rains following it was found necessary to go over the work a second time. The bridge account has been overdrawn $145.87, due to the fall of the retaining wall of the Commercial street bridge in the Depot village, caused by the high water of last spring, and the cost of the canal bridge at Three Rivers being somewhat larger than was expected.

As voted by the town, they report having purchased the machinery to operate the crusher loaned the town by the state highway commission, at an expense of $1124. The sum of $1200 has been paid farmers and others for stone, and the sum of $2324 expended in straightening, widening, grading, etc., making a total expense of $3524. Of this sum $150 has been paid by the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company for its share of the expense of widening the road, making a net cost to the town of $3374 for 5540 feet of road, exclusive of the cost of crushing plant, which is now in good condition. The selectmen have drawn orders as follows: Contingencies, $3895 45; highways, $4599 87; bridges, $1845.87; sewers and culverts, $408 64; railings, $176 57; Memorial Day; $100; soldiers and sailors' relief, $300; Young Men's Library Association, $1000; suppression illegal liquor sales, $79.50; board of health, $150; sidewalks, $995 38; Dupont case, $500; cemetery, $3000; macadam, $4649 92; electric lights, $4999 92; police, $1,597 64. The following recommendations are made: Contingencies, $4000; railings, $200; sewers and culverts, $400; highways, $4500; bridges, $1000.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of this official shows that $64 31 of the 1896 taxes are yet unpaid. Of the 1897 tax he has paid the town treasurer $52,397 16. The discount allowed Sept. 1st was $3057 27; the probable abatements are estimated at $425, leaving $932 94 yet to be collected.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR REPORT.

The overseers of the poor have paid out during the past year for the support of the poor not on the town farm, $4 268 28; for the poor on the town farm, $1880 78. The whole number of persons on the farm during the year has been 40; largest number at any one time, 36; average during the year, 26; average cost per week per person, $1 39; males 26; females, 14; died at farm during the year, 2. The receipts at the town farm were $1804.91, and the expenditures a like amount. The inventory at the town March 1st was: Live stock, $1002 50; hay and grain, $287; wood and lumber, $200; farming tools, $338.95; provisions and supplies, $230 45; beds and bedding, $272 75; furniture and fixtures, $397 50, total, $3156 30, a decrease of $154 35 from last year. In 1889 the inventory at the town farm was $1 910.51, and it has constantly increased to the present value. The cost of keeping the poor per week per person is slightly over that of last year, but is still accomplished at a very low figure. Ten years ago it cost $2.15 per person. The overseers paid out for poor belonging to other towns, $195 21, and for poor belonging to the state, $355 72. The tramp room was maintained at a cost of $224 55, and 612 tramps results have been obtained. He coincides with the view of the school committee regarding the grammar school building in the Depot village, that it would be for the best interests of the town to provide for its children a new and modern structure.

DRAWING AND MUSIC TEACHER'S REPORT.

These reports state the good results obtained in these iuportant branches the past year, and contain excellent and helpful suggestions which should be followed.

Electric Lights Again Running.

The Central Massachusetts Electric Company has shown commendable enterprise in getting its lights running so soon after the destruction of its plant on Thursday of last week. The fire started about 9 o'clock in the morning, and before 11 the manufacturers at Lynn had orders for new dynamos, before the flames were out at the local plant. The dynamos were hustled to Boston the next day by special train, and arrived at Palmer that night. It was the intention to start the Palmer incandescent lights Saturday night, but it rained in the forenoon and the dynamos could not be taken from the cars. Sunday morning was clear, and a machine was taken to C. F. Grosvenor's mill where it was started up that night and has since furnished this village with lights. The Monson incandescent lights were started Tuesday from Holden & Fuller's mill, as were also the lights in Three Rivers, Thorndike and Boudsville. Yesterday Warren was lighted from a dynamo placed in the plant of the Slater Engine Co. at that place. It was expected to have the arc lights going to-night, but a break on the engine will delay them until to-morrow, when it is hoped to have them running. Much credit for the despatch with which the work has been done is due Mr. C. D. Shepard, the superintendent of the electric road, who has had charge of the work in the absence of Mr. Rollins, under the direction of Mr. Blakesley, managing director of the company.

Dr. S. H. Ellery has been visiting in New York city.

Mrs. Charles A. Atwood has returned from a visit in Vermont.

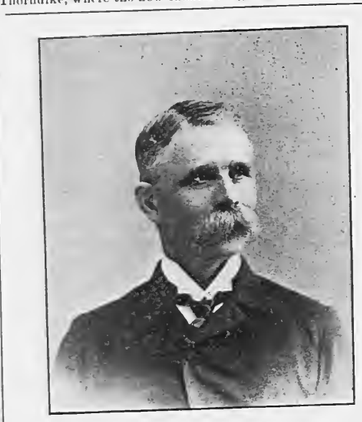
Clarence Wing was home from North Plymouth over Sunday.

George W. Powers has bought the Wilbur farm in Blanchardville.

The residence of J. C. Wing on Central street is being re-shingled.

Albert Willett of Lowell is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Peter Ditto.

Miss Ola Northrop was home from Mount Holyoke College over Sunday.



MICHAEL J. DILLON.

CHARLES L. HOLDEN.

GEORGE M. ATKINS.

PALMER'S TOWN FATHERS FOR 1898.

Master Harold Anderson of Monson is visiting his parents on Pine street.

J. Arthur Wells has taken a position with a publishing house in Philadelphia.

Albert Bogue was called to Norwich, Ct., Wednesday by the death of a relative.

Miss Amelia Ellis of Stafford Springs is the guest of the Misses Todd this week.

E E. Brooks has returned from a visit of several weeks in Worcester and Boston.

Miss Gertrude Ball is visiting her sister, Mrs. William R Marsh, at Brandon, Vt.

Mrs. M. S. French and son Willard are visiting relatives in South Hadley Falls.

A daughter was born on Thursday of last week to Selectman and Mrs. G. M. Atkins.

Miss Mabel Cross of Chester, Vt., has been spending the past week with friends in Palmer.

Mrs. L E. Carpenter has been attending the millinery openings in New York this week.

Arthur Slader of Providence, R. I., has been a guest at the home of G. A. Rice this week.

Repairs and alterations are being made on the residence of James Henighan on Central street.

Adjourned town meeting next Monday to make appropriations. Every voter should attend.

Master Willard E. Sedgwick of Springfield was the guest of his uncle, H. N. Sedgwick, Sunday.

Rev. O. G. Petrie will preach in the Universalist church at Monson next Monday evening.

The Aglomaniacs will meet next Monday evening in the reference room in the library building.

The Main street bridge over the Boston and Albany railroad tracks is being replanked.

Mrs. A. F. Shearer has moved from the tenement in the Lawrence block to a farm near Wilbraham.

"Tennessee's Pardner" is booked for the attraction at the opera house next Wednesday evening.

Depnty Sheriff and Mrs. O. W. Stndley of Springfield were the guests of friends in town Sunday.

Miss Katherine Healey, a Brimfield school teacher, has been visiting her cousin, Miss May Wilder.

Edward Hallez will sell his farm, stock, etc., at Palmer Center at auction next Thursday at 10 a. m.

R. R. Sheriff and Otto Nieska of Monson have taken out second natnralization papers in the district court.

Letters are advertised at the post office for Tuesday evening, instead of on the evening of April 5th, as scheduled.

Rev. R. B. Esten of Westfield gave a strong no-license address in the Universalist church Sunday evening at a union meeting, which was largely attended.

The date for the presentation of the farce, "That box of cigarettes," under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps, has been set for the 5th of April, in Memorial Hall.

The annual fire district meeting will be held in the district court room April 12th. It is thought that there will be several tickets to be voted for at the election.

Rev. F. M. Bissell of Spencer preached the Lenten sermon in St. Paul's church last evening. Next Thursday evening Rev. C. W. Biddle, D. D , of Brookline, Mass., will preach.

Mrs. Caroline Brainerd and Charles T. Brainerd attended the funeral of Mrs. Eliza Shaw at Montague Tuesday. Mrs. Shaw was a sister of Mrs. Brainerd. W. H. Brainerd and Mr. and Mrs. John Brainerd also attended.

C. W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, is making arrangements to hold a camp fire the 14th of next month. Col. Leonard C. Couch of Taunton, commander of the Massachusetts division, has signified his intention to be present.

The Ladies' Social Union of the Universalist church will give a supper and social in the chapel next Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. William Merriam will entertain. A preaching service by Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield will follow.

An interesting men's meeting, led by C. B. Fiske, was held in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. In the Congregational church a women's meeting was also held, led by Miss Sweetser, assisted by Mrs York. Both meetings were well attended.

George Hastings, who for several years has had charge of the lawns at this station, West Brimfield, North Wilbraham and Indian Orchard for the Boston and Albany railroad, has resigned his position. The vacancy will be filled by E F. Strickland, formerly baggage master at Warren.

The Salvation Army Band will hold a service in the Congregational church next Monday evening at 7 30. They close their meetings at Three Rivers on Sunday and leave Palmer for Boston Tuesday. They will return from Boston about the middle of April and begin meetings in Monson,

There will be a new converts' meeting in the Baptist church to-morrow evening at 7 30 o'clock. All who have recently started in the Christian life are specially invited, and everybody will be gladly welcomed at the service. Mr. Moore will come from Boston in time to give a Bible reading at this service.

The unusual number of 11 unemployed workingmen were taken care of by "Doc" Allen Tuesday night. Quite a large pile of stone has been broken during the past season, and it is suggested that Church street would be a very desirable place to use it, after the manner of that put on the upper end of Pleasant street two years ago.

The second lecture in the course under the auspices of the Woman's Tuesday club was given by Mrs. Marble of Worcester at the home of Mrs. W. E. Stone Saturday afternoon. The next lecture will be given by Mrs. Marble April 2d, at the home of Mrs. E. P. Ball. The subject will be "The American Revolution an incentive to prose and verse."

A lad of about eight years, by the name of Button, was knocked down this noon at the corner of Church and Pleasant streets by a horse, but was not seriously hurt, receiving a cut over the eye and another over the back of his head. The boy became rattled and ran in front of the horse, the driver being unable to stop in time to avoid running over him.

James H. Varley enjoyed the hospitality of the Hotel D'Allen Wednesday evening and in the morning was very much averse to breaking stone, so he was brought before the court by Deputy Sheriff Bills. He pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy and was given two years at Bridgewater. Varley is a healthy, strong young man of 22, and is "looking for work." He has done time at Bridgewater before.

Rev. O. G. Petrie will preach his second sermon on the "Principles of Universalism" in St. Paul's church Sunday morning. The subject will be "The spiritual authority and leadership of Jesus Christ." In the evening at 7 o'clock he will preach the next sermon in the series upon "The making of a man." The special topic will be "Brethren and friends, or the influence of associates." All are invited.

Mr. H. M. Moore of Boston and Mr. George H. Shaw of Middleboro, two most successful business men and well-known Christian workers, have been secured for the special meetings next Sunday. Mr. Moore will speak in the Congregational church and Mr. Shaw in the Baptist church Sunday morning. A union service will be held in the Baptist church at 3 p. m. and another in the Congregational church at 7 p. m., at which both of these men will speak. Everybody is invited to these services.

A conference was held Wednesday between the selectmen and the representatives of the electric light and telephone people, regarding the relocating of the poles for their wires on Thorndike street. The present poles must be moved for the electric car tracks, and the wires cannot be put on the electric road's poles, as in other places, on account of the trees, so permission was given to locate a new line of poles on the west side of Thorndike street from Main to Park, one line of poles to carry the wires of both companies.

Three boys were arrested in Boudsville Monday evening by Officer Collins, he thinking that they were boys who had escaped from some institution. The officer brought them to Palmer and turned them over to Probation Officer Merriam. They gave their names as Earl Meader, 13, David Malone, 12, and Eugene Graney, 12. They were closely questioned by Mr. Merriam and he learned that they were state wards belonging near Amherst. He communicated with State Agent Southmayd of Springfield, who recognized the names of the boys and knew where they belonged. Mr. Southmayd came to Palmer Tuesday and took them in charge.

Mrs. Mabel L. Conklin, general secretary of the White Cross Society, gave an address in the Universalist church Tuesday evening. The membership of the society is for men only, and its purpose is for the uplifting of manhood and the protection of womanhood. Mrs. Conklin's address was very interesting, emphasizing and illustrating the principles of the society, the treating of all women with respect, and the endeavor to protect them from wrong and degradation, the endeavor to put down all indecent language and coarse jests, the maintainence, of the law of purity, and the endeavor to spread these principles among the young. In the afternoon Mrs. Conklin addressed the members of the W. C. T. U. in the chapel of the church.

Concerning Our Highways.

Editor Journal:—There seems to be considerable talk to the effect that there will be a change in the office of superintendent of highways the coming year, and that Mr. Brainerd will be retired. Will such a course, all things considered, be advantageous for the town? Mr. Brainerd has had charge of the roads for several years, is thoroughly familiar with them, and knows much that a new man will have to learn before he can do the work economically and to the best advantage. Then, too, Mr. Brainerd has had two years of experience in building macadam road, and I venture to say that if more of this is built this year, he will be able to get more rods of road for the money than a new man, with the whole thing to learn. The objection that Mr. Brainerd has been one of the selectmen while having charge of the roads is now removed; would it not be money in the town's pocket if he were reappointed superintendent of roads another year, in view of his past experience?

VOTER.

A Few Words Regarding Taxes.

Editor Journal:—It is very evident that if the 50 articles in the town warrant to be acted on next Monday are all worthy of an appropriation, our last year's levy of over $21 on town and fire district property will prove of little consequence when compared with the rate which will be necessary the coming year It seems to the writer that unless there is a change in extravagant appropriations, there will be more removals from town than last year. Do you hear of any parties looking to purchase real estate in our village or town? It is reported that one person sold a house and lot in our village last year at a loss of $2000 Will anyone build property to rent or otherwise under the present rate of taxation? Will someone inform the people why our tax rate should be so much higher than in the adjoining towns on the north and south, which have electric lights, the best of water works and fire departments, and everything that is desirable, with a tax rate of about $16, all told? It may be true that some of our taxpayers think it a good investment to spend a number of thousand dollars on a small piece of road building and allow all the other roads in town to roll in sand, mudholes and cobble-stones, but a good many taxpayers take exceptions to this method, and advise the buying of a gravel bank and the building of a number of miles of good hard gravel roads, as is done in other towns, where public money is appropriated on the basis of economy and good business management. A no-license vote will not be recorded in this town as long as excessive tax rates continue. Taxpayers, if you are satisfied with the present tax rate, stay away from the town meeting next Monday as you did last year, and let the pedlar not outvote you, and you will not fail to receive your reward in increased taxes.

TAXPAYER

THORNDIKE.

Second-hand Bicycles from $5 upwards, at Tufts' Bicycle Store, Palmer.

Charles Gurnon has opened the barber shop in Union Hall block

P. W. Fleming has taken a position with P. Baird, the baker, at Palmer.

Mrs. E. M. Shield has been attending the Hartford millinery openings this week.

Mrs. D J Shiel has gone to New York to select goods for her spring millinery opening.

Miss K. M. Fleming has recently returned from the spring millinery openings at New York.

D. F. Sullivan of Millbury was in town Monday and acted as an election officer in this precinct.

Mr. and Mrs C L. McCarthy of Lawrence, formerly of this place, have been visiting in town the past week.

Mrs. G. B. Wilhams of Millbury has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. G. A. Murdock, the past few days.

Miss Maggie Hartnett and William Sargent, both of Springfield, spent Sunday in town at the homes of their parents.

Peter Gernon of Palmer Center died at his home on Thursday of last week from a shock. The funeral was held on Saturday morning from St Anne's church.

That the electric street lights are much missed would be putting it mild. There is a marked decrease in business after mill hours, as the people in general have been timid about going out on the street after dark. Those who have been opposed to the lights are rather inclined to change their views since the village has been in darkness, and the appearance of the lights again has been cause for rejoicing.

THREE RIVERS.

Second-hand Bicycles from $5 upwards, at Tufts' Bicycle Store, Palmer.

N. K. Story spent a few days in Boston the first of the week.

R. C. Newell has purchased a new driving horse of John Twiss

Mrs. G. S. Butler has returned from her visit in Union, N. H.

Harry Newell has been confined to the house by illness this week.

Thomas McWhorter of Springfield, a former resident, spent Sunday with friends in town.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10 45 a. m. Evening service to be announced.

The houses on Bourne street occupied by George Bengle and Mr. Laramie are to be sold at auction by P. B. Moore of Springfield to-morrow afternoon.

The result of Monday's election shows this village to be in the shade as far as town officers are concerned; but then, the place has a constable and one fence viewer, which is better than nothing.

Mrs. F. W. Lavene, who has been ill for the past three years, underwent a successful operation at the Springfield hospital last Friday morning and is now doing well. Mrs. Lavene will probably remain at the hospital for a number of weeks. The operation was performed by Drs. Smith and Flagg of Springfield, and Dr. Bliss of Three Rivers.

The Salvation Army Band has been doing a good work in the place, and will remain until next Monday evening. The meeting Sunday evening was in the Baptist church, and large numbers were turned away, unable to find seats or standing room. As the members were entering the Baptist church Monday evening they were given a volley of rotten eggs by unknown persons, an action universally condemned by the village people.

BONDSVILLE.

Second-hand Bicycles from $5 upwards, at Tufts' Bicycle Store, Palmer.

P. H. Landers of Northampton was at his home over Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Russell of New Haven has been visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Adolph Girouard visited friends at Indian Orchard Saturday and Sunday.

Daniel Austin left this week for Troy, N. Y., where he has obtained a situation.

Patrick Mearty has sold his milk route to F. J. Sullivan, who lives on the Martin Sedgwick farm.

Miss Sntcliffe of Monson has been spending several days this week with Miss Florence Bond.

Daniel B. Shea is digging the cellar for a new house, which he will build on his lot just above the hotel.

E. E. Stone spent Sunday at Augusta, Me., with Mrs. Stone, who is staying trying there to regain her health.

George Golden and family of Brattleboro, Vt., who have been visiting in this vicinity, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Talmadge of Amherst, formerly of Boudsville, are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Alice.

Mrs. H. C. Morgan was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mowry at North Wilbraham several days this week.

A portion of the lower canal wall caved in last Saturday night. It was repaired temporarily, so that no time was lost in the mill.

Miss K. C. Getchell, who has been spending several months with friends in this village, has returned to her home in Maine.

Mrs. J. F. Superneau, nee Miss Benware, has closed her millinery store in Landers' block, and has opened a store at Three Rivers.

Miss Christine Russell and Charles Sharratt are the possessors of new bicycles, and Percy Butterfield has a new Spalding racer, bought of W. J. Knowlton.

The social which was to have been held in the Methodist church Wednesday night of this week was postponed until next Wednesday, to give more time for arranging the entertainment.

W. J. Knowlton opened his bicycle store in the Parent block this week He has taken the agency for the Spalding, Iver-Johnson, and Springfield wheels, and will do repairing of all kinds.

P. J. Keyes, the new proprietor of the Union hotel, moved into the house this week, and is now ready for business. The house has been equipped with a system of call bells this week.

The Boston Duck Company is making extensive alterations in the tenement known as the Duncan house. The inside is being thoroughly overhauled, and will be newly lathed and plastered. Two additions will be built on the house, one for each tenement.

A topic of considerable interest just now is who will be the lucky ones to secure the licenses for the coming year. It looks now as though there would be quite a contest on both sides of the river, and there are some features that make it quite uncertain who will get them.

The trial of John Moriarty and John Larmay, charged with assault upon F. A. Alden, took place in the district court at Northampton Saturday. The defendants pleaded not guilty and after the hearing of the evidence Judge Strickland ordered them discharged, the evidence not being strong enough to hold them.

FIRST CLASS SEED POTATOES

Will be Scarce and High. Buy Before the Price Advances.

Spring is coming soon. With its advent comes thought and preparation for the planting of the season's crops, from which, in the fall, will be reaped the harvest for our sustenance. Every crop which is planted has its place in the needs of the people, and its failure or loss is sorely felt. But the loss or failure of the potato crop is one of the greatest that can happen. Potatoes are the staple food for all classes and conditions of life, and their scarcity inconveniences all, as has been the case the past year. To raise good eating potatoes, it is necessary to have good seed If the seed is of poor quality, the crop will also be poor, so great care should be taken as to the purchase of the seed. As it will soon be the time for planting we wish to state to our readers that J. F. Foley has made special arrangements to furnish seed potatoes. The potatoes are Maine-grown, which are noted all over the country for their excellence and growing qualities. He can supply anyone with all the leading varities, including the Early Norther, New Queen, Pearl of Savoy, Polaris, Freeman, Beauty of Hebron, Rural New Yorker No. 2, Early Rose, Carman, and in fact any kind known on the market. All of these are guaranteed to be true to name. Owing to the scarcity of potatoes this year they have commanded a very good price and there are but a few who did not take advantage of the price and dispose of their entire crop. Consequently, but few have seed potatoes on hand, and there is to be a great demand for choice seed, which is already manifesting itself. Therefore all who wish seed will do well to order at once. Mr. Foley has secured low prices upon the potatoes, at which he now offers them, but they are sure to advance soon. Farmers, and all wishing good seed, call at

FREE!

From now until the 1st of May we will give a pair of Fuller's BICYCLE SHOES and a BICYCLE CAP to every one who purchases a wheel of us. Now is your chance for a bargain.

We Carry the { STERLING FROM $60 UP. RACYCLE, " 35 " EAGLE, " 28 "

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Springfield, March, 1898.

From Every Vantage Point.

The brightest, newest, prettiest spring goods are smiling upon you. Old winter has been thoroughly vanquished at last, and the present promise is for a glorious spring. Everything is ready.

Spring Millinery Opening.

Faithful, thorough, enthusiastic work counts for much, and we expect to register a splendid success in millinery this season. We have the prettiest conceits of the great Parisian and New York milliners to show, and the modifications of them all, and original examples by our own artists. In unfinished hats and bonnets, and the flowers and other ornaments to put on them, the stocks are full and complete. We await with confidence the verdict of a critical public on the new millinery.

Jackets and Wraps.

For some time the new things have been gathering here. Now we have a stock that for variety, richness and exclusiveness cannot be equalled in Springfield. We can do no more, however, in this brief space than hint of these facts. After a visit here no doubt can exist in any one's mind of the best things that will be worn.

Costumes, Waists, Etc.

We shall set the styles for Springfield for costumes and waists. The new things that we are showing are the most accepted in the big fashion centers; and the variety and the number of styles and effects are such that everybody is assured of just the right costume or waist.

Children's Things.

Nothing that anxious mothers of pretty babies will seek this season in the way of cute things for wear has been forgotten. For young girls too, we have everything that we ought to have.

Forbes & Wallace,
Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets,
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

MONSON SAVINGS BANK,
MONSON, MASS.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.

Money deposited on or before Monday, April 4th, 1898, will commence interest from April 1st.

F. E. MORRIS, Treasurer.

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Two 5c Bags of Salt for 5c

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TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

Bids will be received by the undersigned Building Committee of the Worcester South Agricultural Society, up till 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, April 16th, 1898, for material and work in constructing a new Exhibition Building on the grounds of the Society in Sturbridge, Mass.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check for $100, payable to the chairman of the committee, George L. Clemence. Unaccepted bidder's checks will be returned within 5 days after opening bids.

The committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids. A meeting of the committee will be held at Town Hall, Sturbridge, Mass., on the above date.

Plans and specifications can be seen by calling on any member of the committee.

GEORGE L. CLEMENCE, Southbridge, Mass.
GEORGE W. SHERMAN, Brimfield, Mass.
51-2 WALTER B. MELLEN, Brookfield, Mass.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 25, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Second-hand Bicycles from $5 upwards, at Tufts' Bicycle Store, Palmer.

Killed by the Cars.

Charles Reynolds, 38, was killed at North Monson crossing last Saturday afternoon by the 5 o'clock train to Palmer. Reynolds lived near the Century Hotel, and had started for the Fosket farm to get a pig, having been drinking somewhat. He was first seen at the crossing as the train came through the bridge by the fireman, and was then standing on the fireman's side of the track, with two little boys; these started along and crossed the track in safety. Reynolds also went on until he reached the other side of the track, when he stopped and stood astride the rail facing the engine, and it was only a couple of seconds more before he was struck, the beadbeam of the pilot striking him in the side and crushing him internally. The engineer thinks he attempted to jump just before he was struck. He fell on the pilot and lay there when the train was stopped. The body was taken to Palmer and Dr. Schneider summoned, but the man was beyond help, and lived only long enough for the priest, who had been sent for, to administer the last rites of the church. He leaves a wife and six children, all under 12 years of age. Reynolds was employed by the W. N. Flynt Granite Company, having charge of a derrick, and was considered one of the company's best men, having been in its employ for a number of years.

Democratic Caucus Nominations.

At the Democratic caucus in Memorial Hall last evening Omer Bradway was chosen chairman and Eugene Howlett clerk. The following nominations for town officers were made: Selectmen and overseers of the poor, H. D Monlton, Lyman Miller and H. M. Smith; fence viewers, J. B. Tupper, Horace Bumstead, M. D. Maloney; auditors, Carlos L. Peck, Frank L Bliss, 2d; town clerk, Carlos M. Gage; water commissioner for three years, A. D. Norcross; assessors, William Sutcliffe, Omer Pease, Lyman Miller; tax collector, Eugene Howlett; constables, Eugene Howlett, D. D. Maney, J. H. Thompson, O P. Holdridge, T. J. Sault; town treasurer, T. L. Cushman; school committee for three years, A. D. Coleman, M. M. Moore; cemetery commissioner, H. D. Moulton.

Death of Henry S. Moore.

Henry S. Moore, a well-known farmer residing in the west part of the town near the Hampden line, died at his home Monday morning. Mr. Moore had a paralytic shock about two years ago, from which he never fully recovered, although he has been able to be around The deceased was 53 years old, and was a Mason, formerly living in Hartford, Ct, and coming to Monson about 20 years ago. He leaves a widow. The funeral was held at his late residence Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. Harry Blackford officiating. The body was taken to Somers, Ct, for burial.

Miss Katharine Sutcliffe is visiting friends in Bondsville.

Mrs. R. M. Powers of Norwich is visiting at Patrick Shea's.

Edwin Bradway is spending a week in South Coventry, Ct.

The spring term of the public schools will begin next Monday.

Mrs. Carrie McNulty spent Sunday at her home in Springfield.

Miss Annie P. Seymour spent Sunday with friends in Springfield.

Miss K. M. Coyle will have her millinery opening on April 1st and 2d.

Mr. and Mrs S. H. Newton spent Sunday with relatives in Springfield.

Mr. Thomas Starr of Hartford is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Rindge.

Miss Carrie L Chapin spent Sunday with her brother Harry in Worcester.

George L. Keeney was in Boston a few days this week on a business trip.

Mrs. George M. Severy of Chicopee Falls is the guest of her son, F. E. Severy.

Mrs. George R. Wood of New Bedford is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S F. Cushman, Jr.

Miss Bertha F. Sprague of Stafford, Ct., has been visiting Miss Gertrude Bennett.

Mrs. George H. Newton is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Gates, at Cambridgeport.

Mrs. G. C. Flynt and son have returned from a visit with relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. A. A Field has a new Eagle bicycle, purchased through the Fitz & Walker agency.

The Sans Souci Club met with Misses Carrie and Jennie Webb on Bridge street Monday evening.

Mrs. C. E. Gibbs and Miss Bessie Edwards of Orange are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rood on Cushman street.

Miss M. C. Agard of Staffordville, Ct., a former teacher in the Academy, has been visiting Miss Lena Eaton.

L I. Williams & Co. are to hold their opening in millinery Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29th and 30th.

Rev. F. S. Hatch of the Congregational church will take for his subject Sunday evening, "Jesus and art."

Arthur C. Anderson and son Frank of St Paul, Minn, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs Mary Anderson Smith.

The members of the Windsor Club gave a whist party to a number of their lady friends at the club rooms last evening.

Miss Annie Cameron of South Hadley, a former teacher in the public schools of this place, has been visiting Miss Esther Keep.

William Beattie of the Monson Granite Company has gone to Ware, where he will open a monumental yard for the company.

The electric lights were much appreciated last evening, as it was the first night that they have been on all the evening since the fire.

Miss Maggie Gavin returned Wednesday night from New York, where she has been for the past two weeks attending the millinery openings.

At a meeting of the Athletic association of the Academy Tuesday afternoon, Cyrus Converse was chosen captain of the team for the coming season.

In spite of the disagreeable weather Tuesday evening there was a good attendance at the salad supper given by the ladies of the Universalist church.

Examinations are being held at the Academy this week, preparatory to the closing of the term next Wednesday. The spring term will begin Wednesday, April 6th.

Rev. C. R. Minard of Palmer will conduct the sixth number of the Lenten services in the Congregational church next Thursday evening, taking for his subject "Living by dying."

The entertainment of moving pictures, advertised to appear in Memorial Hall last Monday and Tuesday evenings, was cancelled on account of the inability of the electric light company to furnish lights.

Heman Osborne of Easthampton is making repairs on Dr. P. W. Soule's house on Main street, recently vacated by Leonard Rathburn. Dr. Soule expects to locate his dental parlors in it as soon as the repairs are completed.

The third of the series of lectures by Mrs Annie Russell Marble of Worcester under the auspices of the Current Events Club, will be given at the home of Mrs. George C. Flynt next Friday afternoon, the subject being "A review of some recent historical novels."

Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield preached a very able and interesting sermon in the Universalist church Monday evening. The last of the series of Lenten services will be preached next Monday night at eight o'clock by Rev. O. G. Petrie of Palmer.

The Dorcas Society of the Congregational church held a pleasant entertainment and supper in the church parlors Monday evening, it being the last of the entertainments for the year Supper was served from six to eight o'clock, followed by a musical entertainment by local and out-of-town talent.

A large audience was well pleased with the last of the Star course of entertainments at Memorial Hall last Saturday evening by the Ollie Torbett Concert Company. The course has been a successful one, and the '98 class should be congratulated on its good judgment and management.

New iron posts are being placed in the rocks at the foot of the retaining wall in the railroad cut south of the Academy bridge. Since the wall caved in some time ago it has not been considered very safe, and trains have been obliged to go slow by the place. But now it is being strengthened beyond all fear of accident.

An entertainment of rare excellence and novelty will be given by the marvelous invention of Edison, the projecting kinetoscope, in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening, April 5th, under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans. The kinetoscope has never visited Monson before, and probably few people here have had the opportunity of seeing this wonderful invention, which reproduces most interesting and stirring scenes from real life, with everything moving.

The following list of jurors has been prepared by the selectmen: John Leahy, E. A. Aldrich, Julius N. Graves, E. J. Osborne, F D. Rogers, Chester Blanchard, Charles W. King, E. P. Donovan, G. H. Foskit, George A. Harvey, F E. Thompson, W. B. Grout, William Sutcliffe, N. J Cantwell, F. T. Smith, J. P. Cuddihy, H D Moulton, George C. Flynt, H. M. Smith, E. R Sisson, M R Lull, J B. Tupper, E P. Hynes, N. A Bugbee, R. Clifford Millar, E C. Bradway, W. H. Anderson, James C. Bradway, Arthur F. Johnson, E. J. Hughes, Monroe E. Carew, D. E. Watson, H. J. Ferry.

At the public meeting of the Philomathean and Linophilian societies at the Academy this evening, this programme will be rendered: Prayer, Rev. A. R. Nichols; address by Philomathean president, Miss Wilhelmina L. Larsson, '99; recitation, "The young ladies," Miss Martha Anderson, '00; Philo paper, "The searchlight," Miss Myra L. Brown, '00; debate, "Resolved, That the machinery invented during the past twenty-five years has been of greater advantage than disadvantage to the laboring class, first affirmative, Miss Maude Aldrich, '98; first negative, Miss Marion Tucker, '00; second affirmative, J. S. Nelligan, '99; second negative, V. A. Tsanoff, '99; music, "Melodie," Charles Blood, Jr., '00; Lino paper, "The Monson Academy Review," E S. Fuller, '98; declamation, "The return of Regulus," Charles P. Dow, '98; address, Linophilian president, Harry W. Bugbee, '98; critic's report, Miss H. R. Hibbard; music, "Mon ame a Dieu, mon coeur a toi," Miss Bertha L Noble, '98; committee on debate, Rev. F. S. Hatch, Miss Lena M. Adams and Dr. N. W. Rand.

HAMPDEN.

Mrs. M. H. Warren entertained the Ladies' Society of the Congregational church at her home Wednesday evening.

A union mass meeting in the interests of the Cuban sufferers was held in the Methodist church Sunday evening. A committee is now canvassing the town for subscriptions towards relief.

William Hunt and Miss Rose E. Thresher were married at the Congregational parsonage Saturday evening by Rev Mr. Sargent. Both are well known in town, Mr. Hunt being the local butcher and Miss Thresher a popular teacher in the public schools Their friends wish them much happiness.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. Hawley is in New York attending the millinery openings.

Lester E. Butler is working in the Massasoit drug store in Springfield.

Mrs. F. H Strickland is spending the week at her former home in Gloucester.

About 150 books have been added to the library, making over 1000 volumes for the use of the public.

Rev. Charles Gates has moved to his house in East Wilbraham. Thomas Marshall is to occupy the house vacated by Mr. Gates.

Miss Thompson, telegraph operator at the railroad station, is spending a week at her home in Woburn. Miss Pond of Chicopee is taking her place during her absence.

WEST WARREN.

Miss Minnie Bennett is at home for a few weeks.

Miss Jessie A. Johnson, who has been in Springfield the past few months, spent the Sabbath at her home home here.

The burning of the electric plant at Palmer leaves the village in darkness. The week has been very dark; no moon or stars even to relieve the blackness.

Mrs. Hattie C. Brown, whose remains were brought to Warren for burial a few days ago, was a native of this village, the youngest daughter of the late C. P. Crossman. Mrs. Mrs. Brown died in Springfield.

The funeral of Mrs. Lonisa Trowbridge was held at her late home last Saturday afternoon. Rev. John Mason of the M. E. church officiated. There was singing by the quartette of the Universalist church at Warren. Burial was in Pine Grove cemetery.

LUDLOW CENTER.

The pupils of the Sunday school of the Methodist church have commenced rehearsals for the Easter concert.

The school board has organized with Charles B. Bennett chairman, Miss Irene T. Jones secretary and purchasing agent, and Miss Mabel Ray supply agent. The committee has called for bids for the transportation of the children from No. 10 to No. 1 school. John Hobson, John Hubbard and Herbert Paine have been appointed truant officers.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Ludlow Savings Bank will be held April 11.

The Ludlow division of Sons of Temperance met Wednesday evening and elected the following officers: P. W. P., John Brown; W. P., Jessie Low; W. A., Maggie Low; T., Henry Burke; F. S., Frank Anderson; R. S., Mary Burke; A R S., Agnes Elder; C., Sarah O'Neill; C., George McKensey; A. C., William Johnson; I. S., Charles Barnum; O. S., James Low. Installation of these officers will take place April 13.

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Modern Footwear for Spring and Summer, '98.

Never before have we been able to show such a

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A great many styles now on our shelves, and more coming in every day.

A Finer Line of Bicycle Shoes

is not on the market than we will show you this year.

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BRIMFIELD.

Among the books recently purchased for the public library are: "Old Virginia and her neighbors," "Beginners of a nation," "This country of ours," "Century book of famous Americans," "Martha Washington," "Mercy Warren," "Strange corners of our country," "Little journeys to the homes of famous women," "Little journeys to the homes of American authors," "Orations and addresses of George William Curtis," "Essays on nature and culture," "Self-cultivation in English," "Why go to college," "English lands, letters and kings," "American lands and letters," "Homes and haunts of Burns," "In Indian tents," "Story of Canada," "Irish idylls," "Following the equator," "In joyful Russia," "Gondola days," "The district school as it was," "Methods and aids in geography," "With brush and pen," "My studio neighbors," "The Herschels and modern astronomy," "The mind of the master," "The Madonna in art," "Child life in art," "Life of Titian," "Imperial Germany," "Social spirit in America," "Roman life in Pliny's time," "How the farm pays," "The gist of Japan."

HOLLAND.

Ora Webber has been visiting friends in Southbridge.

The Center schoolroom is receiving a new coat of paint.

Otis Williams, with his nephew, George Henderson, recently took a trip to Worcester, where he spent several days visiting his mother and other relatives.

A fire was discovered Tuesday on a piece of land belonging to W. L. Webber. Alarm was given and the fire was soon extinguished, with little or no damage resulting. As the lot bordered the highway it was supposed to have started from a lighted match carelessly dropped by some passerby.

A pleasant event was the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Marselle to a few of their friends in this and adjoining towns Thursday evening. The Drake mansion threw out a friendly light of welcome as one approached, though no more cordial than the welcome awaiting within. The guests were entertained by selections of music and quiet games, after which they were invited to the diningroom, where refreshments awaited them. It was a late hour when the company returned to their homes, all entertaining kindest feelings for their host and hostess.

WALES.

Several old soldiers here are ready to go to Cuba if needed

H. A. McFarland offers in another column his milk business for sale or rent.

John Brown has moved his family to the Lynch farm in the north part of the town.

The several meetings conducted by Rev. Mr. Buffam are still running, and the interest is unabated

Martin V. B. Williams is repairing his house on the Gardner farm, and will take his bride there soon.

Fred Worth has taken the position of boss spinner at Staffordville, and will soon move his family there.

A. F Fisher is building an addition to his store and tin shop, which will give him a fine store and work room.

Mrs. Maria Cooley has returned from Utah, where she has been for a year, and is living at her old home on the Monson road.

The real estate of the late Royal and Albert Nelson was appraised this week, and will soon be offered for sale. This is one of the best wood and lumber farms in the county, and lumber men will do well to look it over soon. Ira M. Nelson or H. A. McFarland, administrators, will show the lots at any time.

WARE.

H. P. Cummings is making extensive repairs on his Cottage street house.

Henry Abaire, 61, died of heart disease Sunday. The funeral was held Tuesday in the French Protestant church at 2 p. m.

Elmira B. Reynolds, 49, of Sharon, died suddenly Friday evening at the home of Augustus Cummings. Her body was taken to Sharon Saturday.

The overseers of the poor have appointed James Goodman of Athol warden of the town farm to succeed M. S. Murray, resigned. Mr. Goodman will take charge April 1st.

The baseball association is meeting with a good response on its subscription paper now being circulated, and the manager is arranging games. The first game will be played April 19th.

The high school athletic association has engaged the Amherst senior dramatics to appear in the opera house April 1st. William Gillette's "All the comforts of home" will be presented.

Miss Mira H. Hall, a teacher of the high school, has been appointed principal of the Salisbury school in Pittsfield. Miss Hall will complete her year's work here and enter upon her new duties next fall.

Eli Harper of Ware, who was indicted by the grand jury for breaking, entering and larceny, and skipped his bail, was captured by Chief of Police Fitzgerald in Nashua, N. H, last week. He was taken to Northampton and placed in jail.

At the final meeting of the board of registrars 48 names were added to the voting list and 24 removed. The number of voters now on the list, not including 57 women voters, is 1256. The French-Canadian citizens have been very active this spring in the matter of naturalization and registration, there being 274 voters of that nationality on the list.

The committee which was appointed at the last regular meeting of the East Congregational church to consider the advisability of abolishing the parish and incorporating the church, has reported in favor of such incorporation. No opposition is manifested to the report. The same committee, which consists of H K. Hyde, ess E. J Harding, Mrs. G B. Cutler, George E Tucker and A. Bryson, has been chosen to draw up by-laws and report at some future date.

WARREN.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church will be held this evening.

H. P. Ford of Boston has been engaged as teacher in the grammar school for next term.

The contract for painting a set of scenery, including a drop curtain, for the town hall has been awarded by the committee on repairs to Fred Kettler of New York. The painting of the hall ceiling and walls is nearly completed, and the painting of the woodword has been begun. Combination electric and gas fixtures have been bought for the lighting of the hall, and one of Gilbert & Barker's latest gasoline machines is to be put in soon.

A citizens' caucus was held in Brigham's Hall Tuesday evening. D. G. Hitchcock called the meeting to order and was chosen chairman, and William F. Taylor was secretary. These nominations were made: Town clerk and treasurer, Charles B. Blair; selectman for three years, Albert A. Converse; assessor for three years, Albert H. Converse; overseer of the poor for three years, John W. Lawrence; auditors, Harvey S Ellis, George E Tarbell, John W. Tyler; board of health for three years, Charles Deland; school committee for three years, Humphrey J. Wren, Mary C. Burbank, Charles A. Deland; school committee for two years, Theodore Fischer, Mary C. Buck; constables, Walter A. Putnam, John C. O'Connor, Horace P. Cole, Hosea B. Smith, William Benson; cemetery commissioner, Marcus Burroughs. The warrant for the town meeting has been posted and contains 24 articles.

A new industry for the town is assured, arrangements having been nearly completed for the incorporation of the Torkelson Manufacturing Company with a capital of $42,000. The company will manufacture firearms and baudarms For the past five years Mr Torkelson has been engaged in the gun business in Worcester, manufacturing the "New Worcester" hammerless gun. The business had outgrown its present quarters, and Mr. Torkelson desired to locate elsewhere. Warren people interested him with a promise of the needed capital and a building, and the offer was accepted. A new building two stories high, 120 by 40 feet, will be built at once and it is expected that by two months 50 men will be at work All matters connected with the incorporation will be attended to at once. The company will begin business with several large orders upon its books, and the prospects for a very brisk fall business are exceedingly bright.

BELCHERTOWN.

A Chinaman is to open a laundry in F. J. S. Parson's shop.

Walter W. Kerr of Putney, Vt., is visiting friends in town.

Harry D. Sanford has taken a position in W. L. Sanford's store.

Hampshire county Pomona Grange will meet in Belchertown April 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hyde have removed to their new home on Main street.

Patrons of the creamery will receive 3 cents per space for February cream.

The drama "Imogen, or the witch's secret," will be given the evenings of April 8th and 9th.

The ladies' Social Union of the Methodist church netted about $12 at the social last week

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Flanders of Portland, Oregon, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A Snow.

A meeting of Belchertown creamery patrons will be held next Monday morning at 10 o'clock to see if they shall adopt the Babcock test system.

The Young Women's Guild will give an entertainment the evening of April 12 which will include a cake walk, vocal and instrumental music, recitations and tableaux.

A chandelier in the post office fell Saturday evening, breaking the lamps, and had it not been for the quick work of the postmaster, P. D. Walker, a serious fire would have been the result.

A euchre party was held at Park View Tuesday evening. The prize winners: First, Mrs. W. L Sanford and Guy Allen, Jr., second, Mrs. E. S Bridgman and Avery Stacy; booby, Mrs. F. B. Purdy and Frank Austin.

The following teachers have been appointed for the spring term: Center grammar, Ida Shaw; Center primary, Louise Allen; South Center, Edith Towne; Mill Valley, Lizzie Bartlett; Cold Spring, Nellie Sanders; Franklin grammar, Josie Sullivan; Franklin primary, Mabel Rether; Liberty, Bertha Davis; Washington, Nellie Sullivan; Rockrimmon, Ruby Knight; Chestnut Hill, H. C. Knight; Holyoke, Grace Fisher; Federal, L. M. Gulbetett; Lake Vale, Julia Smith; Union, Luella Hawks; West Hill, Alice Gold; East Hill, Mary Mitchell; Laurel, Rose Olds; Blue Meadow, Sassie Sadler. The Center, Cold Spring, Franklin, Federal, Lake Vale and Laurel schools begin next Monday, all others April 4th.

A Home Wedding.

A very pleasant wedding took place Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Walker, when their eldest daughter, Mary E, was married to Albert G. Markham of Easthampton, Ct., at present employed as bookkeeper for the Milton Bradley Company of Springfield. Rev. G. J. Newton performed the ceremony, the couple standing in front of a bank made of potted plants. The bride's dress was green poplin, trimmed with white silk and chiffon. Chauncey Walker, brother of the bride, and Harold Curtis acted as pages. The wedding march was played by Miss Dora Walker, a sister of the bride. Only near friends and relatives were present. Mr and Mrs Markham will make their home in Springfield.

WILBRAHAM.

The public schools of the town will commence next Monday.

Wesleyan Academy closes this week for a vacation of a fortnight.

The Democratic caucus will be held in Foresters' Hall, North Wilbraham, Friday evening

J. A. Milne and T. A. Kenworthy of Brown University have been visiting friends at the Academy this week.

Miss Lula Spiller has been spending her vacation at her home in Beverly, and Miss Winifred Miller in Worcester.

Chauncey E Peck, Grand Lecturer of the state lodge, F. and A. M., paid an official visit to the lodges of Westfield and Greenfield this week, being at the former place Wednesday afternoon and evening and at the latter Thursday and Friday.

The subject for the regular meeting of the Grange Wednesday evening was "Town roads and bicycle paths," and Miss M. E Howard and E C. Clark had charge. The best methods of building permanent roads, the repairing and care of roads, and the construction of bicycle paths were topics discussed.

Daily practice is now being held for positions on the Academy baseball team. About twenty men are striving for the team, nearly every position having at least two aspirants. Prof. Davis has charge of the coaching. Manager Potter has arranged games with the Springfield and Amherst high school teams, Holyoke high school and Childs's Business school of Holyoke.

The Republicans held their caucus Monday evening, it being called to order by the chairman of the town committee, Jason Butler. C. E. Peck was chosen moderator and W. H. Day secretary. These nominations were made: Selectmen, Jason Butler, Harry Clark, F. W. Green; assessors, E. A. Gurney, George Ringe, Barnes Bowles; school committee for three years, Prof R. Watson Cooper; library trustee for three years, Mrs. W. L. Collins; auditor, Frank Clark; moderator, Frank Clark; tax collector, Walter A Green; constables, C. G. Robbins, F. R. Ringe, William Coleman, George Calkins, E M Scott; fence viewers, H. H. Burbank, Morrison Blodgett, J. L. Blanchard, Flavel Benton.

The adjourned annual business meeting of the First Congregational church was held in the chapel Monday afternoon, C. P. Bolles acting as moderator. These officers were elected: Parish committee, C. P. Bolles, C. L Hubbard, James Richards; clerk, H. M Bliss; treasurer, C. E. Peck; collector, Walter M. Bliss; auditor, F. E. Clark; committee on entertainment, parish committee and their wives, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. L J. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clark, Mrs. William T. Eaton, Miss G. I. Weatherbee; committee on Arthur L. Stebbins legacy, C. E. Peck and F. E. Clark. During the year the church has received a legacy of $300 from Mrs. Pamelia Homer, and one of $250 from Miss Harriet Gates. The social committee has raised $243 94 The report of Treasurer Peck showed a balance in the treasury of $35.03. It was voted to grant the request of Rev. Mr. Warriner of Clifton Springs, N. Y., for a photo of the church and of the Nathaniel Warriner parsonage, the latter named in memory of one of the first deacons of the church, of whose family Mr. Warriner is compiling a genealogy.

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The *British Printer*, a journal published in London, England, patronized by printers, publishers and authors, wherever the Anglo-Saxon is spoken, has paid a very high tribute to the artistic work of Mr. Frank Morse of 25 High street, Holyoke. Yet even with a European reputation added to a local and continental, he was not happy. He consulted physicians who prescribed without relief for the grinding backache and lameness over the kidneys that hung to him like a barnacle. The langnor and depression that always accompanies kidney complaint interfered with his designing and it is probable that had he not procured Doan's Kidney Pills he might still be suffering and still hampered in his professional capacity. Doan's Kidney Pills proved effective and in speaking about the case Mr. Morse says: "We had some parlor doors to remove and I was assisting. While carrying one I slipped on a stair and strained myself, which I imagine was the cause of the kidney trouble. I had great lameness in the lumbar region and depressing pains in my back and a tired and weighing down feeling oppressed me. One physician said it was merely muscular rheumatism, another, 'oh, yes, muscular rheumatism; it emanates from your kidneys.' I took for granted it was kidney trouble, and I concluded to try Doan's Kidney Pills, about which I had read considerable. I am very much pleased with their action. They removed the backche and lameness, and I have no longer frequent action of the kidney secretions. I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills."

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Be it upon the battlefield, strewn with its ranks of dead,
The soldier breathes his last, 'tis there some tears for him are shed,
Or if on weary beds of pain his final glances rest,
E'en there some loving nurse shall cross his hands upon his breast.
Be it upon some foreign shore they lay his form away,
Some tears will even there be his and prayers be said that day—
Some pity shall be his that day, some prayers shall reach the skies—
A soldier's death is always mourned, wheree'er a soldier dies.

Heroes of ours, who died for us, our hearts go out to you
In everlasting love for hearts that never beat untrue,
Though you must sleep 'neath other sod, where other banners wave,
The whole wide land you loved shall be for you a cherished grave.
Our tears shall fall throughout that grave as tender as the dew,
And we will bow above the spot and murmur love for you,
And it shall be forever green with fairest buds and flowers,
While still with pride we'll speak of thee and call thee ever ours.

Your dreams had often been to raise your country's colors high
Above the din of battle and amid the smoke to die;
To you all other kind of death seemed only waste of life,
While glory rested on the eye that closed on scenes of strife.
Not so! A hero's life can find no low ignoble end,
Whatever strickening form of death the vaulted heavens send;
His heroism leaves him not until departs his breath—
No matter how a soldier dies he meets a soldier's death.

And may the sweetest sleep be yours and fairest blossoms grace
The very quietude that tills your silent resting place,
And if the dead can feel or know the love of anything—
We pray your ears may hear at morn the robin's praise to sing.
But should the storm beat harsh—we ask the God that rules above,
For love of us to shield the place where lie the ones we love.
And He will hear our earnest prayers, and guard thee gently thus,
For we would die if need there were for those who died for us.

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And we would pay our debt to you—sad homes left desolate,
And mourn for you made cheerless now by that stern hand of Fate;
Your sorrow is a common one, your tears fall not alone,
Our hearts respond in sobbing to the throbbing of your own.
Oh! Time be kind and spare them from the pain too great to bear.
Oh! make their ways still pleasant though their loved ones walk not there;
Forbid their hearts to languish for the faces that they miss—
The husband's word at parting or the lost boy's farewell kiss.

Though bereavement hovers o'er you like the darkness of the night,
It will fade as do the shadows at the morning's dawning light;
Though the sunshine seems to vanish in the sad and silent pall,
There is still some hope to whisper, "Earth's existence is not at all."
We must listen for the summons that shall call us from the fray;
It may come to us to-morrow, it may come to us to-day—
Those we love are calling for us, and we all must soon respond—
Earth's poor homes are not so distant from the better homes beyond.

And the wounded and the dying, we would ask our God to spare;
If it be Thy will, Oh Father, hear and grant this heartfelt prayer.
May a peace and comfort cheer them in their suffering and pain,
May they live to bless their loved ones with their presence once again.
Well we know our praise is silent in the presence of the tomb,
That our words grow cold and feeble in the shadow and the gloom;
As we pay an earnest tribute to the life blood bravely shed,
We would give it to the living as we pay it to the Dead.

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And some there are, above whose grave no weeping friends may meet,
The sea birds are their mourners and the waves their winding sheet.
But our hearts reach o'er the water and a careful watch they keep
Of the memory of the perished in the caverns of the deep.
Our tears may fall not on the spot or there the robin sing,
And yet we would not idly stand and make no offering,
Our words go out in praise to them—to their poor senseless clay—
Our tears shall consecrate to them their Decoration Day.

And in the city of the Dead—wherever it may be,
Heroes of ours, immortal shrines of love shall stand to thee,
We hold it true—our dead are ours—and are no lasting loss,
Else o'er our graves no more should fall the shadow of the cross.
The dead shall lie in even ranks, that Death shall level not,
And we shall find within these ranks, the ones we each have sought;
And one thought lieth near our hearts—taught by believing thus—
The dead we love, though dead they are, are never dead to us.

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Louis E. Thayer.

Collinsville, Ct., February, 1898.

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Bookkeeping has been reduced to such an exact science in the big metropolitan banks that the clerks are expected to strike a correct balance at the close of each day's work, no matter if the transactions run into the millions. When the books fail to balance, the whole force of the bank is put to work to discover the error, and no clerk starts for home until it is discovered, whether it amounts to two cents or $2000. Generally a quarter of an hour will bring the mistake to light, but sometimes the hunt is kept up until late into the night.

Such a search was being conducted in a New York bank located in the vicinity of Wall street. Forty-five cents were missing. At six o'clock not a trace of the errant sum had been discovered. Dinner was sent in for the whole force from an adjoining restaurant, and after half-an-hour's rest the search was again taken up. Midnight came, but still no clue, so sandwiches and coffee were served.

"Hello!" said a clerk. "The Blank National people are working to-night too. Guess they're in the same box."

Sure enough, the windows of the bank across the street were brilliantly lighted. The incident was soon forgotten when the wearying hunt after that elusive forty-five cents was resumed. Shortly after one o'clock in the morning, as they were about to give up for the night, a loud rapping was heard at the front door of the bank.

"Hello! Hello! What's the matter?" called the cashier through the key-hole.

"Matter, you chumps. Why, we've got your blamed old forty-five cents! Come along home to bed!"

Outside stood the crowd of clerks from the neighboring bank. It appeared that in making a cash transaction, one of the banks had paid the other forty-five cents too much. As a result half a hundred men had worked for nine hours, and the search was only ended then because a bright clerk, noticing the light in the bank opposite, shrewdly guessed the cause, hunted up the cash slip, and discovered the error.—*Harper's Round Table.*

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I don't know why, I don't know how,
But surely, 'twas no harm at all
To stop a minute at the plow
And listen to her milking call:
"Co—Boss—Co!"
It sounded so,
Across the yellow-tasseled corn!
Surely the man was never born
Who would not leave his team and come
To help her drive the cattle home.

The old folk lived across the hill,
But surely 'twas no harm at all
To kiss her while the fields were still
A list'ning to her milking call!
"Co—Boss—Co!"
It sounded so,
It made the tardy robin start,
The squirrel bent the leaves apart
To see us two a-walking down
Toward the sleepy little town.

I don't know how, I don't know why,
But surely, 'twas no harm at all;
The stars were in the summer sky
Before the cattle reached their stall.
"Co—Boss—Co!"
The moon, from off his great white shield,
Has tossed it back into the field,
And still the whispering echoes come
And follow me, a-walking home.

—*Herman Rave, in Songs and Ballads.*

ACCIDENTS TO WILD ANIMALS.

Among wild quadrupeds only the ruminants with large horns and long limbs seem commonly liable to accidents. Cases of stags dying with interlocked antlers are recorded from time to time, and Buckland gives an account of a curious accident which befell a big stag in Windsor forest. The poor beast had been standing on its hind legs to nibble leaves from a thorn-tree and caught its hoof in a fork in the trunk. This threw it on its back and broke the bone. Though red deer are in this country mainly found wild on mountainous ground, we much doubt if they are really a mountain species or specially clever on rocky ground. J. G. Millais mentions one pass where the bones of deer that have missed their footing and fallen down the crags may frequently be seen. Broken limbs are very common, even among park stags, generally due to fights in the rutting time. This must usually lead to the death of deer in all districts where large carnivora are found; but the astonishing way in which broken bones, or even worse injuries received by wild animals, cure themselves if the creature is let alone, shows that the most serious accidents need not lead to death, even if left to nature. The most striking of recent instances is the case of a doe antelope at Leonardslee, which smashed its hind leg high up, and so badly that the bone produced. It would have been shot, but it was observed to be feeding, as if not in pain. It survived the winter, and was seen to swing the injured leg forward to scratch its ear before the bone set. The fracture reduced itself, and the cut skin grew over the place, leaving a scar. Later, though lame, it was perfectly well, and reared a young one.

A tiger, recently killed in the hot weather, had a bullet-wound a week old which had smashed its shoulder. This wound, though a very bad one, was perfectly healthy, and there was evidence that since it was inflicted the tiger had eaten no flesh, but only drunk water. In the Waterloo cup coursing in 1886, "Miss Glendyne" and "the runner-up" for the cup were slipped at a hare which went wild and strong. When killed after a good course by the two crack greyhounds, it was found to have only three feet. This may be compared with the accounts of a collie dog, recently quoted in the papers, which had one fore foot and one hind foot cut off by a reaping machine, but which still manages to help with the flock. Dogs, which ought to be little liable to accidents, are very frequent sufferers, largely from their association with man and intense desire to participate in all his doings. One of their commonest mishaps arises from their love of riding in carts. They become quite clever at scrambling or jumping in, but are not "built" for jumping down on to a hard road. If the cart moves as they make their spring the danger is increased, and fore legs broken, usually just below the shoulder, are very commonly seen.

Dogs also have dangerous falls when on the ground, accidents usually ascribed only to hipeds and horses. A greyhound going at full speed will trip, fly head over heels, and break a leg, or even its neck. "Master Mugrath" in 1870, went through the rotten ice of the river Alt, from which Altcar takes its name, while following the hare, and nearly died from the effects. But the strangest mishap which the writer has ever seen fall to the lot of a dog was the case of a setter which "tripped" over a sitting hare. The dog, a large, heavy animal, was ranging at high speed in a field of thinly planted mangold. As it passed between the rows, its hind feet struck something, and it nearly turned a somersault. The object was a squatting hare, which, as the dog flew over in one direction, quietly scuttled off in the other.—*London Spectator.*

WHY WOMEN OVERDRESS.

She is as plain as a pipestem in her dress. To this comment, uttered in a most contemptuous tone, I replied: I sincerely admire the good sense that prompts a woman belonging to the middle classes to dress quietly. Her social grade calls for only the simplest modes. You cannot deny that the subject of your criticism is always presentable, no matter where she goes or with whom she is thrown.

My defense did not please. I could see I was regarded as decidedly "queer." This, however, rarely deters me from speaking my mind. I certainly felt impelled to do so on this occasion.

The evil of our day is overdressing. This evil, as a rule, I do not find among rich women, but in the midst of those of my sex who are busy aping their wealthier sisters.

Limited incomes are responsible for the constant appearance of gowns, hats and wraps that become tawdry simply because of their environment. This must of necessity be so, for the woman of average means has by comparison sparse opportunities for dress display. Her inordinate vanity refuses to admit this. When she buys an elaborate article of dress it is done with but one object in view—namely, to find in her mirror an image that pleases her. She does not stop to consider how this bit of extravagance is to be fitted into her everyday surroundings. She squeezes and pinches in every conceivable way to get together a costume that must be put to severely practical uses, and it has been modelled, mind you, after a creation designed to figure only at elaborate functions.

The fussy original, a very stunning toilet, appears at a swell luncheon, a fashionable reception, or in some place frequented by exclusives; the copy switches its way through the shops and along crowded thoroughfares, stamping the wearer with every swirl of its draperies as unrefined. No use to beat about the bush. We women judge each other by the way we clothe ourselves. Often the judgment is unfair, indeed, downright cruel, and should not be allowed a leg to stand on. But stand it does and often to its complete undoing.—*Philadelphia Record.*

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BURNING FIELDS OF ICE.

It seems a somewhat surprising statement to make that on the ice-covered surface of a Kansas lake it is possible to build bonfires by simply breaking through the ice and applying a match to the surface of the water. The flames will shoot up as high as a man and will burn brightly for a minute or two. This is what has been possible for several winters on Doniphan lake, Kansas, and on one of its tributary streams.

The fuel for these fires is natural gas, which bubbles up through the water the year round, but it is only during the very cold winter nights that it is thus temporarily stored under the ice in immense bubbles or pockets, sometimes 10 to 20 square yards in extent. Puncture these bubbles with a chisel, apply a lighted match, and one has a roaring flame before which the skater may warm his benumbered fingers. The experimenter must be careful to stand between the wind and the jet of gas as he lights it, or he will have his clothing singed before he can get out of the way of his impromptu torch.

There are places where the gas supply is so abundant as to prevent the ice from forming, except on the very coldest nights. When such places are frozen over they remain covered only a few days, for the gas, coming from a considerable depth in the earth, is so warm that it soon melts a passageway through the ice and escapes. The present winter formed ice of 15 inches in thickness on the lake, and yet some of the areas of gas supply were not frozen over. Near the entrance of one of the creeks into the lake the water is quite shallow and the bottom may be readily seen. Here the gas has formed regular channels up through the mud, and out of these large bubbles of gas are discharged every few seconds.

Doniphan lake is located about four miles north of Atchison, Kan., and is a river lake; that is, it was formed from a bend of the Missouri river by the water taking a short cut across the narrow neck of the bend, thus leaving the old bed to be occupied by a beautiful horseshoe lake about five miles in length. This happened during the high waters of the spring and early summer of 1891.

Because the lake is thus comparatively recent in formation, some observers have contended that the gas which collects under the ice is only marsh gas. But the supply is too great to be accounted for in that manner. Were it marsh gas, it would rise more equally all over the lake, for the bottom is everywhere about the same. On the contrary, the gas is supplied only in certain localities, and the eastern arm of the lake is without gas. Besides, the places of discharge are the same the year round. On the Missouri side of the river are three other lakes of like formation: Mud, Sugar and Bean lakes. These do not show gas except in occasional very small bubbles.

It is not surprising that natural gas should be found in eastern Kansas. A boring at Kansas City, about 55 miles south of Doniphan, gave a small supply of gas a few years ago. Ninety miles southwest of Kansas City, at Iola, Kan., a gas well in recent years furnished 7,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

There is no doubt that the Doniphan gas is true natural gas, and comes from the interior rocks of the earth. The question of quantity can only be determined by prospecting. Should a "gusher" be struck there, it would be a great find, for St. Joseph, Mo., is only 16 miles to the north, Atchinson is practically on the field, and Kansas City is less than 60 miles to the south.—*E. B. Kneer, in Scientific American.*

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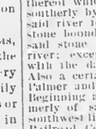

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Cornelia B. M. Blanchard to Alden M. Young, dated July 31st, 1895, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Hampden, Bk. 429, folio 151 will be sold at public auction on the tract of land last herein described on Saturday, the 9th day of April 1898, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, viz: A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situate in Blanchardville in Palmer, in said County of Hampden, and bounded northerly by highway leading past the residence of said Blanchard, easterly by land formerly of J. A. Fay & Co., southerly by Quaboag river and westerly by land formerly of James S. Loomis and land of William B. Bennett and land formerly of A. V. Blanchard, containing about two acres, subject to a private right of way 15 feet wide running southerly from a new road on the northerly part of said tract to land east of said tract. Also a certain other tract of land situate in Monson in said County, bounded northerly by said river and land formerly of said J. T. Fay & Co., easterly by land of J. Rourke, southerly by highway leading from near the residence of one Foley to Brimfield, and westerly by land late of J. H. Smith, deceased; excepting from said last described tract the portion thereof which is bounded northerly by said river, southerly by the road leading from bridge over said river towards Monson about 1020 feet to a stone bound, and westerly by a line leading from said stone bound, 31 50' east 358 feet to said river; excepting also a right to flow said tract with the dam at its height on July 31st, 1895. Also a certain other tract of land situate in said Palmer and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of land formerly of said J. T. Fay & Co., on or near the southwest line of land of the Boston & Albany Railroad Co.; thence south 10 to 20 west to the northerly line of the new road; thence easterly on the said northerly line to the intersection of said new road with the southwest line of the old road, thence northeasterly in a line parallel with the first named line to the southwest line of land of said Railroad Company, thence west on said last named line to place of beginning.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Lucy Hovey of Monson, in said County of Hampden, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, on the sixth day of April, A. D., 1898, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer JOURNAL, a newspaper published in Palmer, in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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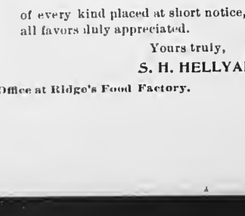

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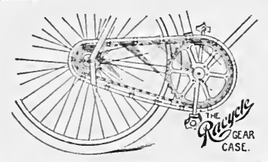

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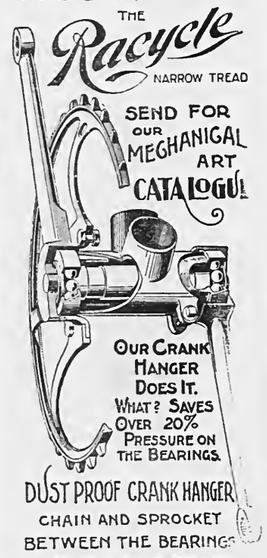

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APPROPRIATION MEETING.

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The annual town meeting for appropriations did not call out a very large number of voters Monday, though there was perhaps an average attendance. There were only about 80 present when the meeting was called to order, though others gradually drifted in until there were perhaps 200 in attendance. The business was started promptly at 10 o'clock, and by unanimous agreement the reading of the warrant was dispensed with, the voters having had the reports, which contained it, long enough to have picked out what they wished to vote for or against.

W. W. Leach was unanimously chosen moderator.

Article 2d was first taken up and these officers chosen: Measurers of wood and bark, J. A. Palmer, R. L. Bond, C. P. Haynes, H. T. Bishop; field drivers, W. A. Lawson, Samuel Brown. The treasurer was also authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the current year.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto,

was taken up on motion of E. J. Kelley of Thorndike. H. E. W. Clark moved to indefinitely postpone, but the motion was lost. Mr. Kelley moved that $1600 be raised and appropriated. Mr. Clark opposed the motion on the ground that the money could be put to better use. T. J. Moran agreed that the money might be better used, but thought the town could not afford to do without some police protection at night. The vote was carried almost unanimously.

On request of Dr. Holbrook

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families and the families of the slain, and intrust the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provisions of Chapter 189 of the Acts of 1885,

was taken up, also

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day,

and on his motions the sums called for were appropriated. School appropriations aggregating $21,000 were then made under motions by W. A. Breckenridge of the school committee.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to provide an extra school room, with the necessary school furniture and supplies, at the Depot Village, or take any action relative to additional school accommodations at said Depot Village,

called up by C. E. Fish of the school committee, brought out the statement that there is not now sufficient room in the grammar school building in the Depot village for the scholars attending, and that next term there will be from 35 to 40 more. In the near future a new building would have to be built there, but the sum asked for would fit up a room and provide for the additional scholars for another year. Representative Kenefick urged the voters to consider the whole subject, and not merely a make-shift for a year. It was suggested that the town owned a school building at Tenneyville which was not in use, and that this might be moved to the grammar school yard and utilized, but the school committee thought this unwise, and certainly would not tend to better the present sanitary arrangements, which are wretched at best. J. S. Loomis supported the committee, and Dr. Holbrook suggested that the matter be allowed to rest until the Tenneyville building had been further considered, but advocated doing all that was best for the school children. C. D. Fuller favored the plan of the school committee if the Tennyville building or the unused room in the wire mill school building could not be utilized, and the appointment of a committee to consider the question of a schoolhouse, to report at the next annual meeting. The $300 was voted, and left in the hands of the school committee.

ART. 44. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen to re-convey to the Thorndike Company any rights the town may have in land formerly occupied for school purposes, near the house of Michael Roche, in Thorndike,

was next taken up, and it was voted to reconvey the land to the Thorndike Co., this action being necessary simply in order to straighten out the record of the deed, the land reverting to the company anyway when it ceased to be used for school purposes.

ART. 47. To see if the town will vote to build a new bridge over the Ware River, near the Jerry Dutton place, on the road to Bondsville, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto,

was called up by C. F. Grosvenor, president of the electric railway company, who stated that the company must cross the river near the present bridge, which was not strong enough for the use of its tracks, was narrow at best, and not in good condition. If the railway company could agree with the town it would be glad to combine with it in the construction of a bridge which should be strong enough for all purposes; if not, it would build a bridge of its own, the company not being particularly strenuous in the matter, as the cost in either case would be about the same to it. It was proposed that if the town would pay $1000 the railway company would furnish the balance necessary to build the bridge, about $2000, and pay one-third of the cost of maintenance and repairs. The bridge would be of iron, 18 feet clear roadway, and one span, doing away with one pier in the middle of the river. The voters evidently thought this a fair proposition, for the money was voted without a dissenting voice.

ART. 12. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year,

was taken up on motion of E. J. Kelley, and on motion of C. N. Ellithorpe the matter was left in the hands of the selectmen.

ART. 14. To act on the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen,

was acted on by accepting the list after adding the name of John W. Foley and substituting the name of George W. Powers for that of M. A. Sherman, the latter having left town.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and repair the highway in said town leading from the Sikes place, so-called, to the Bourne place, so-called, in Three Rivers,

was taken up at the request of C. S. Ruggles, who stated that at certain times in the year the piece of road mentioned was from one to three feet under water, and moved an appropriation of $300 to grade it and put the fences on the line and straighten the road. It was brought out that this matter had come up in previous years, but that on investigation the selectmen had found the bounds of the road to be in dispute, and so nothing had been done toward straightening. The money was finally voted for grading, the matter being left to the discretion of the selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise money for the Young Men's Library Association,

was called for by Dr. G. H. Wilkins, and at the request of E. J. Kelley 3 and 50

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to establish a town library, raise and appropriate money therefor, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 50. To see if the town will establish a town library, elect a board of six trustees for the same, and appropriate money for its support,

were also taken up, 50 being considered first by agreement. T. J. Moran moved to establish a town library, elect six trustees of the same, and appropriate $1000 for its support. T. W. Kenefick spoke of the good work of the library and the service of the members of the association, but suggested that they could at any time box up the books and dispose of them and the town would have nothing to show for the money it had put in; he would offer no suggestion for or against an appropriation for the present library, or for or against a town library, but the question for the voters to consider was, did they wish to continue to put the town's money into the hands of a private corporation, or into something which the town would own. It would cost more money to run a town library, and the service would be no better than at present, if as good.

H. C. Strong spoke for the library association, denying its ability to box up and dispose of the books. The library was a greater boon to the town now than it could be if conducted as a town library; the plan now in vogue in Palmer is followed in many places, among them Ware, where it works admirably, and Springfield, where the city appropriates some $25,000 yearly for a library it does not own.

Mr. Leach called H. E. W. Clark to the chair, and spoke for the present library. He had no financial interest; the whole library matter was charitable, and for the best interests of the town. Many valuable books of reference had been given, for which the town had paid nothing. While it was true that some men had been kept out of the association, the opposing votes had invariably been traced to personal spite on the part of some member, and any reputable man in town who cared to attend the meetings and take an interest in the work of the association could become a member. The association had made the chairmen of the selectmen and the school committee members of the association and board of directors, and the town was getting the best of service at the lowest possible price. To start a new library $1000 would not be a drop in the bucket,—it would take at least $5000 to make a good beginning, and the town would then find the running expenses larger than at present, for the members of the present association got nothing for their services, but gave their work and also put money in

C. W. Johnson spoke in favor of the present library.

T. J. Moran favored a town library, and thought one as good as the present library could be established for $2000. The town library was preferable because now some people were kept from drawing books because it was a private corporation; that under those conditions they would not go there.

Rev. O. G. Petrie spoke for the present institution, favoring an increased appropriation rather than a less sum, in order that more books might be added. The books of fiction depreciate in value very fast after being read once, and the books for which $330 was paid a year ago were not worth near that sum now, so in reality the town was losing nothing, getting good value for the money spent for books, the balance of the $1000 appropriated being used for running expenses.

A yes and no vote was declared in favor of the noes, but on being doubted the house was divided, and a count showed 88 in favor of a town library and 79 for the present library. The division showed the religious line in a marked degree, almost every Catholic voting for the town library, the Protestants being, with three or four exceptions, on the side of the present library.

Mr. Moran moved to proceed to elect trustees by ballot, and the printed list which the advocates of the town library had in readiness was soon declared elected, as follows: One year, W. A. Breckenridge, W. E. McDonald; two years, C. F. Grosvenor, C. H. Hobbs; three years, W. H. Hart, G. M. Atkins.

In the matter of electric lights, under

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor,

the selectmen were instructed to renew the contract of last year, and to get if possible two additional lights, asked for under articles

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to locate an electric light at or near the corner of Pine and Pond streets in the Depot Village, and appropriate money for the same,

ART. 40. To see if the town will establish an arc light near the Farrell house on Prospect street in Bondsville and raise and appropriate money for the same,

The sum of $125 was voted for the purposes specified in

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to be used in cutting down three hills on the road leading from Palmer Centre to Burleigh's Crossing,

Under the article to raise and appropriate money, H. E. W. Clark moved the appropriation of $2000 for macadam road, to begin at the upper canal bridge in Thorndike and extend toward Bondsville, stating that the Thorndike Company would give $500 additional for such a purpose, and the money was quickly voted.

ART. 46. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen to petition the Superior Court for the abolition of the grade crossings over the Ware River Railroad near Burleigh's Bridge,

was disposed of by voting, on motion of H. C. Strong, that the court be petitioned for the abolition of the crossings.

The sidewalk question, under articles

ART. 24. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk from a point near the house of John Ritchie, on Palmer street, to the corner of Front street, in the village of Three Rivers, and raise and appropriate money for the same,

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to build sidewalks in Bondsville as follows, viz: From Parent's store on the east side of Main street to Spring street; also from Parent's store on the north side of the street leading to Forest Lake as far as the house of Father McKeaney, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 43. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk on the southerly side of South Main street, from Fox Avenue to a point opposite the residence of C. E. Dewey, and raise and appropriate money for the same,

brought out considerable discussion, and the voters favored a policy whereby a certain amount should be appropriated and left to the discretion of the selectmen, the abutters to pay one-half the cost wherever new walks were put in, and $1000 was set aside for this use.

The sum of $300 was appropriated for a sewer under

ART. 36. To see if the town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars to build a sewer from the northerly side of High street near the house of D. J. Sullivan, connecting with the culvert under High street aforesaid, in the village of Thorndike, through the land of Dennis Leary to and connecting with the sewer in the lower part of School street in said Thorndike, permission being granted by the said Dennis Leary to build said sewer through his land

Under article 24 the voters declined, 80 to 30, to order a sidewalk built from the store of Maurice Lawlor to the house of Michael Roche in Thorndike.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer from a point near the house of James B. Shaw to a point near the house of E. G. Hastings on North Main street, in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same,

received an appropriation of $250. The sum of $40 was also voted for the extension of the Central street sewer in the Depot village, and the putting in of a catch basin.

In the matter of sewers it was voted to appropriate $250 for one under

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer or sewers in Park street, School street and Pearl street, with necessary connections, in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto,

it being represented that this was almost a necessity, the ground in that locality being low, and that a new sewer there must be built when the new school building is erected. The other articles regarding sewers were indefinitely postponed.

The voters refused to instruct the selectmen to locate additional street lights under articles 26 and 40, mentioned above.

The matter of officers' salaries created no little feeling. The committee appointed last year did not report, and it was said that a meeting of it could never be held: therefore T. J. Moran took the responsibility of moving that officers' salaries be fixed as follows: Selectmen, $500; overseers of the poor, $400; town treasurer, $50, board of health, $75; tax collector, $250; assessors, $350; auditors, $20. The amount for the overseers of the poor was a reduction of $100, and Mr. Merriam, chairman of the board, announced that he considered his services worth $200, the sum he had always had; probably the others would not be willing to take less than the $150 they had been getting, and he could not with self-respect do the work for less than $200, so he resigned the position, to take effect April 1st.

The board held a meeting Wednesday, and the other members agreed to take $100 each rather than lose Mr. Merriam's experience and valuable services, and he has withdrawn his resignation.

ART. 49. To see if the town will vote to build a new bridge over the Ware River near the house of Michael Roche, and raise and appropriate money for the same,

was indefinitely postponed

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year,

was disposed of by allowing a discount of 6 per cent on taxes paid on or before October 1st, interest at the rate of 6 per cent to be charged after that date.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors,

received an appropriation of $500, left in the hands of the selectmen.

ART. 30. To see what action the town will take in regard to the claims of J. B. Burlingame and James La Croix, for injuries sustained by reason of alleged defects in highways of the town.

The LaCroix case was left to the selectmen to dispose of, but no action was taken regarding the Burlingame matter

ART. 39. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to straighten road on Main street from a point near the Church pool in the village of Thorndike to a point near the residence of George W. Keith,

was indefinitely postponed.

ART. 48. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and authorize its treasurer to borrow money to construct such section of state highway as said Highway Commission may lay out within the town,

was voted on affirmatively.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to accept and allow a road as laid out by the selectmen, in the Depot Village, and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at the end of Central street and running in the same direction as Central street about 150 feet, through land of Oliver LaSalle to land of Charles E. Dewey,

Accepted.

The reports of the various town officers were accepted as printed. No action was taken in reference to the planting or preservation of shade trees. The matter of hiring the present lockup and tramp room was left to the selectmen. The selectmen were authorized to bring any suit they might deem necessary in behalf of the town. The treasurer was authorized to borrow money, with the advice and consent of the selectmen, not to be paid out of the taxes of this year. The sum of $1600 for interest on the town debt was appropriated from money now in the treasury, the balance to be used to pay the interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes; $5600 of the license money will go for the support of the poor and the balance toward other town expenses.

A committee consisting of C. E. Fish, H. G. Loomis, C. S. Ruggles, C. L. Holden, Homer C. Strong, was appointed to investigate the needs of the schools in the Depot village, and report at the next annual meeting, with recommendations.

List of the appropriations:

Night Police,		$1,600
Soldiers and Sailors' Aid,		700
Memorial Day,		100
Schools—		
Teachers' Salaries,	$13,700	
Contingencies and Supt.,	900	
Fuel,	1,500	
Text Books and Supplies,	900	
Repairs,	500	
Janitors,	1,000	
Transportation,	1,100	
Drawing,	400	
Paint Three Rivers and Thorndike Buildings,	300	
Insurance,	200	
Music,	400	
Additional room at Depot,	300	21,300
Dutton Bridge,		1,000
Grading Highway, Three Rivers,		300
Town Library,		1,000
Electric Lights,		5,000
Grading Highway, Palmer Center,		125
Macadam Road,		2,000
Contingencies,		2,500
Sidewalks,		1,000
Thorndike Sewer,		300
Palmer Sewer,		2,300
Sewer, Central Street, Palmer,		40
Sewer, Main Street, Palmer,		250
Salary of Selectmen,	450	
Overseers of Poor,	400	
Town Treasurer,	50	
Board of Health,	75	
Tax Collector,	350	
Assessors,	350	
Auditors,	20	1,895
Railings,		200
Sewers and Culverts,		400
Highways,		4,500
Bridges,		1,000
Poor,	5600	
Contingencies,	300	5,900
Use of Board of Health,		100
Discount on Taxes,		3,000
Illegal Liquor Sales,		500
		$76,610
Less License Money,		7,650
		$68,960
Two maturing Town Bonds,		2,000
To be raised by taxation,		$50,960

The amount raised last year was $48,742.

Protection for the Agricultural Park.

The park of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society has been closed, the gates locked, and notices posted forbidding trespassing, under penalty of prosecution to the fullest extent of the law. For some time much lawlessness has been indulged in about the park, and the property of the society greatly damaged. The fence has been broken, windows in the various buildings smashed, and as fast as locks are placed upon the doors of stables they are removed by some person who evidently must have a mania for collecting locks. This vandalism is done not only by boys, a number of whom were caught one day throwing stones at the windows and when asked what they were doing replied, "seeing how many we could break," but by other persons old enough to know better and to respect the rights of the society. The society does not wish to be "small" in the matter, but is compelled to take this action in order to protect its property. Any persons who desire to use the park, such as local athletic teams for practice, and will not abuse the privilege, will be allowed to do so on application to the proper persons

"That Box of Cigarettes."

Next Tuesday evening the three-act farce, "That Box of Cigarettes" will be given in Memorial Hall under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps. The following is the cast of characters:

Amerious Vespucius Oldboy,	W. A. Weld
Christopher Columbus Oldboy,	Dr. L. H. Hendee
Tom Darling,	A. B. C. Deming, Jr.
Freddy Blake,	E. E. Hobson
Miss Anastasia Bluebloodchester,	Mrs. W. A. Weld
Mrs. Christopher Columbus Oldboy,	Miss Georgia Packard
Molly Blake,	Miss Bessie M. Royce
Phillis Darling,	Miss Carrie J. Fish

A social will follow the presentation of the farce, at which ice cream and cake will be served.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 1, 1898.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, MARCH 31, 1898.

The war excitement reaches the Legislature only indirectly, for there is very little which the state is required to do yet by way of preparation for the worst, if it should come to that. There has been an appropriation for the improvement of the artillery, one of $2500 for repairs of the United States ship Minnesota, which has been loaned for the use of our naval militia, and such trifles, but there has been really nothing done which implies that our people are arming for conflict. On the part of the members, as far as can be judged by chance conversation, there is confidence in the ability and firmness of President McKinley and a disposition to believe that war will be avoided. At the same time, there is universal condemnation of the Spanish course in Cuba, an abhorrence of her fiendish methods of killing women, children and other non-combatants by the hundred thousand, and doing her best to depopulate the island. The sentiment of the state, as represented here, is uniform with that in Congress, minus the fever of war.

Meanwhile, the vocations of peace are pursued in the usual order. The humane purpose of the act of last year to prevent the cruel slaughter of birds for the alleged ornamentation of women's heads was defeated because it was impossible to tell whether or not the birds worn had been killed in this state. To remedy this defect there has been reported unanimously a bill from the committee on fisheries and game to amend the law so as to apply to all birds, whether killed in the state or out of it, so far as they belong to the protected species. Persons passing through the state, or staying here temporarily, are exempted. This amendment will make convictions easily possible, for every woman who wants to wear birds' feathers wants to do it in public, thereby advertising herself as a law-breaker and exposing herself to the penalty. The passage of this act in the spring as early as this will enable the milliners to be cautioned in time of the purpose of the people to stamp out this barbarity.

Some petitioner who does not realize that reforms do not move backward has asked for an amendment of the laws so that the old style horse trot, with its accompanying sporting interests, may be reintroduced at agricultural fairs, but the House has refused to suspend its rules to admit his tardy petition, just as he might have known if he had stopped to think whether or not such legislation was urgent enough to entitle it to suspension of the rules.

The Senate has killed the bill to prevent the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, which passed the House by a substantial majority in spite of the ridicule which was cast upon it. It was an honest vote in the House, so it is believed by Mr. Beede of Lynn, the member in charge of the bill, and he is certainly an honest man if there ever was one, and he is not a crank, either. The question in the Senate seemed to be whether cigarettes were really hurtful, and the opponents of the bill had the most votes. One practical argument by a Senator was this: "Why should a man be compelled to take a dear smoke when he wants a cheap one?" In the absence of further legislation, it remains for people who object to their boys smoking to bring them up so that they will not smoke.

The taxation committee is still considering the complicated and important case which is before it. They are no nearer an agreement than weeks ago, but they have had the special taxation commission before them and are doing their best to reach a conclusion. Agreement on the main proposition is probably out of the question, for each side will be strongly supported in private by its respective friends and it would come to be a sort of treason, to them for a man to yield to the arguments of other members of the committee. There seems to be no way to a settlement but for the representatives of the people to fight it out in debate or at the polls.

One of the warmest debates in the House for the entire session was over the bill to provide a means by which dead beats, as it was put by Mr. Duhuque of Fall River, who made the great fight for the bill, may be compelled to pay their debts. The form of remedy is that a person against whom judgment for debt has been given may be examined by the court and may be required in the discretion of the judge, after learning about his wages, to set apart a certain portion of them monthly for the payment of just debts. The bill was attacked, on the one hand, as strong enough to draw blood out of a stone, while it was defended as not at all likely to hurt any honest man and to give an opportunity to get something out of the men of no moral principle who do not hesitate to cheat and defraud all whom they can impose upon. A strong case was made out for poor women who rent rooms and cannot get their money, for grocers who furnish food to poor families when they are out of work, and for doctors who visit poor families but who cannot get their pay because the wretch at the head of the family spends his wages for drink or in gambling. The House was strongly for the bill. It has not been to the Senate yet. Last year a similar measure was defeated in the House.

By a bill from the railroad committee the New England railroad may be leased to the New York, New Haven and Hartford. The consent of the railroad commissioners is necessary and a majority vote of all the stockholders of the lessor road. The bill also permits the road with a long name to change it for something else to be approved by the secretary of state.

It looks as if the bicyclists were doomed to be beaten once more on their petition that the railroads be compelled to carry bicycles free, as baggage. The measure was before the committee last year and the side of the public had a strong presentation, but it was unable to overcome the opposition of the railroads, and there was no opposition in either House or Senate to the acceptance of the adverse report. This year they seem to have a trifle better chance, for four members of the House, Messrs. Pouce of Cambridge, Gove of Waltham, Reed of Taunton and England of Pittsfield, dissent. Each one of these has spoken more or less upon the floor of the House. So the bicyclists are sure of a hearing.

The Senate took up, on Wednesday, the bill to prevent women and minors in mercantile establishments from working over 58 hours a week, except in the holiday season, from December 15 to January 1, but the vote was 12 to 15 against the bill. There was a feeling that some stores would want to be open evenings, especially in the small places, and that the rule for the large cities ought not to be made general law for the state. An amendment to limit the bill to places with over 30 000 people was defeated before the decisive vote upon the bill itself.

Boston politics occupy the time of the legislature to a marked degree and the country members get a flood of light upon the way that candidates for aldermen "drink tea with the tea-drinkers, and drink rum with the rum-drinkers, and drink beer with the beer-drinkers," as one member said in the debate on the aldermanic bill, until they are worn out and short in purse, and then are sometimes defeated. The House, after considerable debate, has passed and sent to the Senate, a bill to change the present system to one alderman elected by and from each ward, instead of 12 as now, with the council reduced from 75 to 50.

The Senate on Thursday had the annual storm of ridicule against the appropriation for the extermination of the gypsy moth, but, as usual, the good sense of a large majority of the senators came to the rescue of the agricultural interests and the House appropriation of $180,000 was passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

There was reported in the House a bill to permit municipal, state and county authorities to grant a weekly half holiday to public employes without lose of pay for such portion of the year as they see fit.

The House began the debate on the telephone bill this afternoon, but there will be long argument before a vote is reached.

LANDON.

PALMER NEWS.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Miss K. I. McMahon will have a Millinery Opening Tuesday and Wednesday, April 5th and 6th. All are invited.

Housekeepers are invited to call and examine the new Scotch Granite Enameled Kiteben Ware at Hitchcock & Blanchard's. Will not scale, chip or discolor; costs about half as much as ordinary enameled goods.

Freight Car Wrecked.

Persons living in the vicinity of the Ware River road's roundhouse thought that war with Spain had commenced and that the Spanish cruisers had come up the Quaboag and were bombarding the town about 12 45 Tuesday morning. There was a terrific crash, but it proved to be nothing more than a railroad wreck in which no one was injured, but which demolished a freight car so thoroughly that the fragments were carried to the end of the yard and burned as the easiest way of disposing of them. A Worcester freight crew had been through to Springfield and on its way home had some cars to drop in the Ware River yard. While doing this a number of cars were left in the yard at the freight house east of the station; these started down the grade and met the locomotive at the coal heap, near the residence of Mrs. Mary Thompson. The car which struck the engine was ground into match wood as far as the door, but the locomotive,—one of the heavy "hogs,"—was not much damaged, the front being smashed somewhat, and did not leave the tracks. The wrecker came out from Springfield and cleared the tracks about 7 o'clock.

Electric Tracks Next Week, Probably.

The directors of the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company have decided to locate their car barn on the vacant lot owned by Wilson Lawrence on the corner of Thorndike and Park streets, this location being the best for the interests of the company, all things considered, of any yet offered, and the terms of a three-years' lease have been agreed upon. Some of the residents in that locality are inclined to protest against the building of the barn there, and the railway company will be glad to consider suggestions regarding other locations where its interests will be equally well served. The ties which have been drawn for the use of the road are being inspected, and it is understood that something like 10 per cent of those on the ground are being rejected, the balance being an unusually fine lot. The rails for the road are expected next week, and track laying will begin on their arrival.

Palmer News on first page.

The schools closed this afternoon for a two-weeks' vacation.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and the following Friday Good Friday.

George Sumner has taken a position in the dye house of the carpet mill.

Miss Hattie Paine has a position as stenographer with E A. Buck & Co.

Miss Margaret Green of Mystic, Ct, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. K. Gamwell.

J. H. Woolrich has returned to Palmer after an extended visit in Nova Scotia.

The school committee organized Wednesday with W. A. Breckenridge as chairman.

George D. Gilchrist of White River Junction, Vt., is the guest of his uncle, C. E. Fish.

Next Thursday evening the Lord's Supper will be observed in the Universalist church.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Warren of Worcester were guests of Dr. G. H. Wilkins Tuesday.

The warrant for the annual fire district meeting April 12th will be found in another column.

Miss K. I. McMahon will have her millinery opening on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kenerson have returned from a visit of a number of weeks in New York.

A mother's hour was held in the school of Mrs. W. W. Leach this afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock.

H. M. Siske of Tufts Medical School is spending a short vacation at his home on State avenue.

Robert Merriam has taken a position as clerk in the grocery and crockery store of E. B. Taylor.

The protection of the law, which has been about the little speckled beauties of the brook, was lifted to-day.

John H. Gamwell, of the Palmer Water Company, left to-day for a week's visit in Washington, D. C.

The selectmen will meet on the first Monday in each month at their room in the Memorial building.

Mrs. A. M. Smith and daughters of Worcester are to return to their Thorndike street residence soon.

Miss Lula Dillon of the Bridgewater Normal School is spending a vacation at her home on Central street.

Rev. C. W. Biddle, D. D, of Brookline preached the Lenten sermon in the Universalist church last evening.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday morning by the pastor. Subject, "Securing a foundation."

Miss Ethel Hayden Ely, who is a teacher in the public schools of Mansfield, is visiting at her home on Walnut street.

The board of cemetery commissioners has organized with H. E. W. Clark as chairman and Homer C. Strong as secretary.

Thomas lodge of Masons will hold a regular communication next Monday evening. The first degree will be worked.

D. H. Brown, of Truesdell & Brown, has been taking a vacation, and C. A. Royce has is working in the market during his absence.

Mrs. L E. Carpenter's spring and summer line of millinery will be ready for inspection on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Miss Phebe Hastings is home from Smith College for the spring vacation. Miss Bertha Hastings of the same institution is also home.

Instead of the regular Sunday school concert in the Baptist church, on the evening of Easter Sunday, there will be a baptismal service.

The case against Mrs. C. H. M. Blanchard, charged with cruelty to animals in allowing a cow to live with a broken leg, has been dismissed.

Albert Bogue fell over a low switch while taking car numbers in the freight yard Tuesday, and injured his back quite severely.

A delegation from Good Cheer Rebekah Degree lodge attended the institution of Oasis Rebekah lodge at Ware Wednesday afternoon.

Applications for liquor licenses for the year beginning May 1st must be in the hands of the selectmen by 3 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon.

The cases of the three Wales boys charged with assaulting a number of their schoolmates with snowballs are to come before the district court next Monday.

A service in observance of Good Friday will be held in the Universalist church next Friday evening. The pastor will give a talk upon "The seven words from the cross."

Practice has been begun at the high school for the ball team. About fourteen candidates have signified their intention to try for positions on the team, many of them good players.

A piazza is being built on the second story of the residence of Mrs. Mary S. Foster on the corner of Thorndike street and Foster avenue. Contractor G. W. Lyman is doing the work.

Richard Wescott has purchased the barber shop in the Century House at Monson. Mr. Wescott is a first-class barber, and was formerly connected with Joseph Provost and C. E. Hoppe.

A young boy on a bicycle collided with a team at the corner of Main and Thorndike streets late Wednesday afternoon. The boy escaped with a few scratches and the wheel was uninjured.

Two drunks from Bondsville were before the district court Monday morning and were fined $5 each. A like sentence was imposed upon a drunk from Three Rivers Tuesday morning.

A couverts' meeting will be held next Tuesday evening in the Congregational church. Everybody is invited. Matters connected with the early stages of the Christian life will be considered.

Several large shade trees on the west side of Thorndike street, in front of C. W. Johnson's property, have been cut down to make room for the placing of the poles which are to bear the electric light and telephone wires.

The assessors met Wednesday and organized with John O. Hamilton as chairman. The board of health also met for organization Wednesday, which resulted in the election of Dr. L H. Hendee as chairman.

Osie Giroard of Bondsville has opened a blacksmith shop in the building on South Main street formerly occupied by Samuel Closson. Mr. Giroard is a son of Adolph Giroard, the well-known blacksmith of Bondsville.

Another March has gone. It made itself conspicuous for its gentle, lamb-like bearing and the absence of its usual howling winds. Its action yesterday, however, showed that it had not forgotten how to display its snow, etc., when it pleased.

Hitchcock & Blanchard have secured a new variety of enameled ware kiteben utensils which is likely to prove extremely popular with housekeepers. It is warranted not to chip, scale or discolor, and costs only about half as much as other goods of the same class.

A. D. Smith, who will be remembered as a former employe of the N. L. N. road at Palmer in the time of Col. H. R. Stoughton, and later station agent at Barrett's Junction, has been appointed general freight agent of the Manhattan Steamship Co, with headquarters at New York.

A social and supper was served in the chapel of the Universalist church Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. William Merriam entertaining. It was followed by a sermon by Rev. Charles Conklin of Springfield, who preached upon "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Ellis Dodge was assaulted by a man near the Catholic cemetery Monday afternoon while returning from the town meeting, and knocked to the ground. Mr. Dodge says that after he was assaulted the man who struck him said that he had made a mistake, and asked his pardon.

A number of young boys gave a minstrel show under a tent in P. E Bard's yard Saturday afternoon. A gorgeous street parade was given at noon which attracted considerable attention. The show was very clever and quite well attended, and the managers cleared about 57 cents.

Letters addressed to the following persons are advertised as unclaimed at the post office: Howard W. Edson, Frank P. Fairfield, A. Forshurg, Mrs. Nellie Harper, Ernest I. Rogers, Mrs. Sanders, care of Dan Hart, Joseph Seaver, Fred W. Sawyer, Mrs. Emery Shepard.

The ninth sermon in the series upon "The making of a man," by Rev. O. G. Petrie, will be given in the Universalist church next Sunday evening. The subject will be "The descent of the dove, or the spirit of a growing manliness." Last Sunday evening's sermon will be found upon the fourth page.

The Thursday evening meetings of the Congregational church, until the next communion, will be devoted to the consideration of the deeper aspects of the Christian life. All who care to consider these things are invited. The pastor will give an address, and experiences and questions will be welcomed.

An American eagle, carved from a block of wood, has been presented the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society by Solomon Squier of Monson. It is the work of Mr. Squier and is very naturally executed. It will probably be placed upon the roof of the exhibition hall on the fair grounds. It is now on exhibition in the window of Milligan's shoe store.

The pastor of the Congregational church will give two Bible readings next Sunday. The one in the morning will be on "Hath made him (God) a liar," and the one at the evening service will be on the proposition, "No one can claim the benefits of salvation or properly call himself a Christian, unless he openly confesses Christ as his Savior."

The third lecture in the course under the auspices of the Woman's Tuesday Club will be given to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mrs. Marble at the home of Mrs. E. P. Ball on Park street. The subject will be, "The American Revolution an incentive to prose and verse." Mrs. A. D. Norcross of Monson will sing selections appropriate to the lecture.

H. M. Moore of Boston and George H. Shaw of Middleboro, well-known business men, conducted services in the Congregational and Baptist churches Sunday, which were largely attended. Messrs. Moore and Shaw gave very interesting and helpful talks. The New England Guards Band of the Salvation Army conducted services in the Congregational church Monday afternoon and evening, and left for Boston ou the following day. The band will return to Monson soon and conduct services in that town.

Chester B Pasco, 68, died at his home on Pine street Wednesday after an illness of some duration. Mr. Pasco was a veteran of the late war, having served as private in Company C, 44th Wisconsin regiment. He was also a member of L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R. The funeral will be held from his late home to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and interment will be in the cemetery at Four Corners. The funeral exercises will be in charge of the Grand Army, and all comrades are requested to be present.

George H. Broadhurst's "What Happened to Jones" will be given in the New Nelson theatre at Springfield next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, with a matinee on Wednesday afternoon, and the entire proceeds will go to the building fund of E. K. Wilcox post, G. A. R., Springfield. The play is exceedingly comical and has met with great favor wherever it has been presented, and doubtless many Palmer people will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the matinee.

The contract has been awarded for the construction of the new bridge over the Ware river near the Dutton farm to the Pittsburg Bridge Company, through Collins & Norton, their New England agents. The new structure is a truss and plate girder bridge; the length of the truss is to be 90 feet and that of the girder 46 feet. The stone pier in the middle of the river is to be removed, thus giving an unobstructed waterway. The bridge is to be completed by the 15th of May and is to cost $3000, $1000 being paid by the town and the remainder by the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company.

The selectmen met Tuesday afternoon and appointed these night police: Palmer, T. J. Conroy; Three Rivers, J. J. Manning; Thorndike, E. F Luman; Bondsville, Michael Collins. All are reappointments with the exception of Conroy, who succeeds Officer Eastman. He qualified at once and went on duty that evening. Thomas Roche was appointed a special officer. Selectman Dillon was appointed highway commissioner, and will personally supervise the repairing of the highways, giving the persons living along them an opportunity to do the work, which he hopes to have under way next week.

A young colt belonging to A. J. Northrop was frightened Monday afternoon by an umbrella in the hands of a lady and ran from in front of W. E. Hitchcock's store on Central street to the corner of Park street, where in attempting to turn the corner it fell and rolled against a tree, freeing itself from the wagon and breaking its leg. The horse was a valuable one. Veterinarian Ellery purchased the animal and removed it to his stale, where he will endeavor to set the leg and restore to the unfortunate animal its free use. Mrs. Servetus Leach was nearly struck by the team at the corner, and escaped none too soon by rushing into one of the yards near by.

The Library.

Editor Journal:—The vote of the town by which an appropriation was refused to the Young Men's Library Association and a new town library was established does not seem to me in accordance with the best interests of the town. I am not a member of the association. I feel, however, proud of the library, its liberal, impartial, able management, and the constantly widening circle of its influence for good in this community. Never did its merits and usefulness demand popular approval more than to-day. A library, like a college and a university, is a development and a growth. It cannot be made in a day even with large funds at its command. That the association owns the library is true, but it owns the library only for public uses,—for you and for me, for our children and friends,—and by the act of incorporation and by the constitution and by-laws of the association its members could not divert one book or pamphlet or any of its property from public to personal use or profit. That this gentleman or that gentleman has been refused admission to the association is a matter purely private. The only question of public importance is, Has the association, from the date of its inception or from the time when its members presented to the town as a free gift the site on which our beautiful Memorial Hall stands, failed in the least in its trust to give the public,—the poor and those in better circumstances alike, the best service for the least possible expenditure of money? Men in the past have given also as a free gift abundance of valuable time and labor, and men at the present time are quietly doing the same thing. Other men have put legacies in their wills to help on the good work. If the voters of Palmer had never had a library and were about to start a new one, the question whether an association should own and manage a library for the town or the town should own and manage its own library would be hardly worth debating. But that the Young Men's Library Association should now be interrupted in its useful and philanthropic work is in my judgment a grave mistake.

HOMER C. STRONG.

Palmer, March 31st, 1898

The Library Matter as One Citizen Sees it, and He Is Doubtless Not Alone.

Editor Journal:—So our Young Men's Library Association has been unceremoniously "turned down" by the town, has it? There must be some very good and weighty reason for such a drastic course. What is it?

Let's see: If I remember aright the Association was formed just about 20 years ago. What for? The town had no library and no indication of one. Some enterprising young men saw what was being done in the neighboring town of Ware by its Library Association, and a similar corporation was organized here. Money was contributed, books purchased, and a public library opened in a modest way, a lighted and heated room for its use being furnished free by one citizen for years. After a while the town began to make a small appropriation for its use. Year by year it grew in favor and strength. Then the happy thought came to the people that the long-talked-of soldiers' memorial should take the form of a memorial building for the use of the Grand Army and the Library Association. Members and friends of the Association came forward with the gift of a fine $3000 lot for the building, which was duly erected thereon, and many will recall the pleasant exercises when the keys were formally turned over to the Association and the Grand Army. There each has abided since in the quiet performance of its work, and increasing appropriations have enabled the Library Association to increase its purchase of books largely and give to the town a really admirable library, of which it may well feel proud. From a careful perusal of the reports from year to year it appears to me that the running expenses of the Association have been kept at an astonishingly low figure, and it is evident that some of its members must have put in a great deal of gratuitous work every year.

What, then, is the matter with the Association, that its appropriation should have been nearly lost last year, and entirely so this year? Has it abused its privileges or in any way come short of fulfilling the purpose of its organization in furnishing the town a free public library?

Not at all. But we are told that it is a "close corporation," hard to get into, and that some good men have been shut out. There may be some ground for just criticism on this point, though I am unable to learn that any man has really applied for membership and been refused. I understand that many have been voted in who did not care enough about it to qualify by paying the necessary fee. I am told that a three-fourths vote of the members is necessary to elect new members; that it has been difficult to secure the attendance of so many, and that an effort to reduce this requirement to a majority vote was defeated some time ago by the vote of a member who now favors a town library.

But the great big point against the Association is the fact that the town is paying money for something it does not own, and the books should belong to the town. To be sure, we are surrounded by towns quite as foolish as we in this respect, for Barre, Ware, Belchertown, Monson and Warren contribute money to libraries which they do not own, and even the city of Springfield pays large sums every year for supporting a library it does not own. But what if the members of the Association should some day lock the doors, divide up the books, and scoot? Sure enough. It is truly an alarming thought. How in the dickens does it happen that it never occurred to anybody before? Who suggested it now? Here we have been jogging along peacefully all these years feeling that we were getting excellent service and full value received for the money we are putting into the library, but now that we are at.

By the way, did the voters notice how the house was divided on this matter? Had the question of town ownership impressed itself upon the thoughtful taxpayers and property owners of the town, leading them to the action that was taken, or was it done because somebody else wanted it done? Am I far out of the way in saying that, as it looked to me, fully nine-tenths of the 88 voters who stood up in favor of a town library were Roman Catholics, and a very large proportion of them simply poll tax payers and those who never patronize a library or care a picayune personally to whom it belongs? I venture to affirm that no sane man in town believes that the Young Men's Library Association would ever make one of its money or books than it has in the past. Its membership restrictions might well be modified, and I should presume would be in the natural course of events. A town library would be welcome if there were need of it; but when having none, reputable citizens have had sufficient public spirit to establish a free library and expend time and money year after year for the sole purpose of benefiting the town and increasing its intellectual resources, receiving not a penny nor even a "thank you" in return, and are then slapped in the face in this fashion by the town, I for one feel like hanging my head in shame for the town. What an impressive exhibition of the manner in which Palmer recognizes and rewards public spirit!

AMOS.

BONDSVILLE.

Mrs. Pond of Woonsocket, R. I., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Samuel Thayer.

The annual sale of pews will be held in the M. E. church next Monday evening at 7 30

Miss Margaret C. Bruce of Bridgewater Normal School is home for a short vacation.

Over a dozen bicycles have been purchased in this village the past week, and the end is not yet.

Miss Eva Fairbank of Salem, N. Y, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Morgan, Wednesday.

Mrs. George Randall of Colorado, formerly of Palmer, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Van Tassell.

Miss Ora W. Parent has returned home after an absence of two weeks, visiting friends in Providence, R I., and Jamaica, L I.

Miss Charlotte C. Merrill, a popular teacher, is expected to arrive Saturday, and he the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Smith a few days.

A team belonging to a Ware liveryman ran from Thorndike to this village Sunday, breaking the carriage and harness considerably.

Rev. George W. Locke of Belchertown occupied the pulpit in the M. E. church Sunday, exchanging with the pastor, Rev. R. E. Smith.

Mrs. F. S. Talmadge, who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. James Dunlap, at Bridgeport, Ct., returned home this week.

The Polish butcher's team ran away one day this week with a load of hay, which was tipped over at Parent's corner. No damage was done.

Garfield Carey, son of Michael Carey, of Boston, died at his home in that city yesterday morning. He formerly lived in Bondsville, and the remains were brought here this morning for burial.

It is probable that Rev. R. E. Smith will preach his last sermon in Bondsville next Sunday. The Methodist conference meets next week, and the indications now are that Mr. Smith will be transferred to another charge.

Everybody who attended the social at the Methodist church Wednesday evening enjoyed a very pleasant time. A fine hash supper was served, to which ample justice was done. A fine entertainment was provided, the programme consisting of singing and recitations by members of the Sunday school, musical selections on the flute by Albert Shaw of Palmer, on the mandolin by C. D. Holden, and on the piano by Miss Jennie Bray of Palmer, also tableaux, which were very fine and reflected much credit on the participants.

THREE RIVERS.

The public are respectfully invited to attend our Spring Millinery Opening April 7, 8 and 9. Also we have on hand a good line of Ladies' and Children's Furnishings. Call and examine before purchasing. M. L. Johnson & Co.

W. E. Squier is out of the mill on account of sickness.

Miss Emma Moore has accepted a position with Mrs. J. T. Geer of South Belchertown.

James J. Manning has been appointed by the selectmen as night police for this village.

Henry Eaton, a night watchman in the Palmer Mill, is kept from his work by sickness.

Harry C. Newell, who has been confined to his home by sickness, is able to be out again.

The Salvation Army Band held its farewell meeting in the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Henry Burr, who lives on the Ludlow road, has purchased a "Wooden Hen" incubator.

Miss Abbie Bartou has resigned her position with Mrs. R. C. Newell on account of ill health.

The schools closed to-day with public dialogues and recitations. They will open again April 20th.

Miss Fannie L. Barnes of the South Framingham Normal School is home for the spring vacation.

George Perry has resigned his position as driver for R. C. Newell, and will be succeeded by Fred Lavine.

Rev. G. S. Buttler has returned from Hinsdale, N. H., where he has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Fanuie Perey.

A defect in the steam pipe stopped work in the dying and slashing departments of the Palmer Mill on Monday morning.

Mrs. Merrell and daughter Ethel, who have been visiting Mrs. W. H. Bliss, have returned to their home in Collinsville, Ct.

The dramatic club of St. Anne's church of this place gave an entertainment in Liberty Hall, Bondsville, on Friday evening.

James Brosnahan returned from the Springfield House of Mercy Hospital on Wednesday, and is now on the road to recovery.

Mrs. J. F. Superneau of Bondsville is to start a millinery store in A. Grise's house. This makes the fourth store of this kind in the place.

The auction on Bourne street Saturday was well attended; both houses were sold, one to John Sullivan for $885, the other to John Laramie for $850.

Group pictures of the operatives of the Palmer Mill have been taken by Woodhead, the photographer. Anyone wishing to see them may do so by applying to Robert Blair.

A freight car loaded with cotton was derailed in switching on the Central Vermont road on Monday afternoon, and the southbound 6 36 train was detained for forty-five minutes in consequence.

HOW TO MAKE CROPS GROW BEST.

They Must be Well Fed, the Same as Animals or Persons.

Last week we called the attention of our readers to the fact that it was time to purchase seed potatoes and that J. F. Foley was prepared to furnish excellent seed of all varieties. One of the conditions essential to a good crop was emphasized,—the necessity of having good potatoes for seed. There is another condition almost as essential, and that is the use of a good fertilizer. In order that a plant may be enabled to grow to the best advantage it should have, besides light, heat and water, a fertile soil. Of course some of the conditions which regulate the fertility of the soil are beyond the control of man, such as rain and sunshine, but certain conditions are available, one of which is the using of fertilizers. The best results can be obtained from that class of fertilizers whose materials are natural to the soil and render the land fertile and produce good crops. Animal fertilizers are just that class. They are a lasting benefit to the soil and are by nature the most powerful crop producers known. Such fertilizers are manufactured by the Lowell Fertilizer Company, and the excellency of its goods is known throughout the country. This company takes great care in the selection of the materials used, and is placing before the farmers fertilizers well up in all the requirements of vegetable growth. Mr. Foley has made arrangements with this company by which he is prepared to furnish its Lowell Bone Fertilizer, its Lowell Animal Fertilizer, and its celebrated Lowell Potato Phosphate. His prices are low, and all wishing to buy fertilizers will do well to consult him before purchasing.

BORN.

In Palmer, 27th ult., a son (Ernest Howard) to Howard J. and Mary Brown.

TO RENT—Tenement of 5 rooms on South Main street. E. L. FEENEY. 3-1

TO RENT—6-room tenement in Cross Block. Inquire of F. F. MARCY or D. L. RODFISH.

TO RENT.—The Harris house on Pleasant street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 30-tf

TO RENT.—Two tenements on Fox avenue. 44-tf Apply to G. S. HOLDEN.

FOR SALE—Box Buggy, Basket Phaeton, Business Wagon. Inquire of C. F. GROSVENOR.

SEWING Machine Needles and Oil for sale by D. MULVIHILL, Caryl's block, Palmer.

PIGS.—Seven Grade Berkshire, good ones. Inquire of G. E. BUCK, at BUCK'S HARDWARE STORE. 52-2

BICYCLES REPAIRED and wheels checked. Minuger's Block, South Main street. 50-13 GEORGE W. MILLS.

TO RENT.—Paint Shop and blacksmith shop, South Main street. Inquire of W. W. LEACH. 12-tf

FOR SALE.—Two desirable building lots in Palmer, together or separately. Terms easy. Inquire of A. L. HILLS, Palmer, or R. A. MCQUAID, Chatham, N. Y. 50-8

FOR SALE.—A three-spring Business Wagon in good repair; will exchange for a new milch cow. Inquire of C. E. SHUMWAY, Bondsville, or 52-2 E. E. KENDALL, Thorndike, Mass.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—My Farm in Brimfield, Mass., about 1½ miles south of Fosket's Mills, suitably divided into tillage, mowing and wood land. Inquire of W. H. HYNES, 52-3 Wales, Mass.

ROOMS TO RENT—Suitable for a first-class restaurant, in Eager's Block. 1-1 F. M. EAGER, Palmer, Mass.

SOLE M'F'G'S. AGENTS WANTED in Palmer for an article as staple as sugar. Pushing man with small capital can make big money. Address A. SAYLES, 490 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass. 1

TOWN OF PALMER.

SELECTMEN'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that applications for liquor licenses for the year beginning May 1st, 1898, will be received by the Selectmen until 3 o'clock p. m. of Wednesday, April 6th.

1-1 PER ORDER SELECTMEN.

WANTED.—INVENTORS and parties interested in INVENTIONS and PATENTS to consult or correspond with WM. S. HELLOWS, Solicitor and Expert in Patents, 307 Main Street, Springfield, Mass. PATENTS obtained in the United States and all foreign countries, and all business in connection with inventions and patent and royalty contracts attended to. Trade Marks registered, Copyrights secured. BOOK OF INFORMATION on patents sent free on application to any address.

MADAME FOURNIER.

ALL NEW GOODS on exhibition for EASTER TRADE. : : : :

Place your orders before the rush.

MADAME FOURNIER,

1-1 329 Main St., Springfield.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Hattie E. Day of Wilbraham, Mass., to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation duly established by law, and having its usual place of business in Palmer, Mass., dated July 25d, 1895, and recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Hampden, libro 535, folio 503, will be sold at public auction, at the dwelling house on the premises, on Saturday, the twenty-third day of April, 1898, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:—

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, and all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto appertaining or belonging, lying in said Wilbraham, and bounded and described as follows: Northerly by land of Austin Davis and William Thayer, easterly by land of Francis E. Lemon, southerly by land of said Lemon and the road leading from Glendale to Palmer, and westerly by land of James Farr and Dwight Eddy, containing about 80 acres, be the same more or less.

$50 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

PALMER SAVINGS BANK, Mortgagee.
By W. W. LEACH, its Attorney.

Palmer, Mass., March 26, 1898. 3-1

FIRE DISTRICT MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN SS.

To the qualified voters of Fire District No. 1 of Palmer:

You are hereby notified to meet at the the Court Room of the District Court of Eastern Hampden, in said Palmer, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of April, current, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Auditor, Board of Engineers, and all other officers and committees that may be necessary for the ensuing year, and give them instructions.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Treasurer, Prudential Committee, Board of Engineers, Auditor, and all other committees, and act on the same.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the Board of Engineers, Firemen, Treasurer, annual rental of Palmer Water Co., and all other expenses of the Fire Department that may be necessary for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the District will authorize the Collector to add interest to taxes paid after October 1st of the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the District will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

Given under my hand this first day of April, 1898.

FRANCIS D. BARTON,
1-2 Clerk of Fire District No 1 of Palmer.

Violin and Piano Lessons

GIVEN BY

JULIA A. ALLEN, PALMER.

BICYCLES!

BICYCLES!

Yes, here we are, all ready for the season of 1898!

Keating,	$50
Envoy,	$50, 75
Fleetwing,	
Outing,	$45, 60
White,	$65, 75
Record,	$50, 60
Crawford,	$35

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

25 Second-hand Bicycles That Will be Sold Cheap for Cash,

and can be bought at almost your own price. Come and see them before they are gone. We are only too glad to show them.

TUFTS' BICYCLE STORE,

Caryl's Block, Palmer.

Kidney and Uric Acid Troubles Quickly Cured.

You May Have a Sample Bottle of the Great Discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root Sent Free by Mail.

Men and women doctor their troubles so often without benefit, that they get discouraged and skeptical. In most such cases serious mistakes are made in doctoring and in not knowing what our trouble is or what makes us sick. The unmistakable evidences of kidney trouble are pain or dull ache in the back, too frequent desire to pass water, scanty supply, smarting irritation. As kidney disease advances the face looks sallow or pale, puffs or dark circles under the eyes, the feet swell and sometimes the heart acts badly. Should further evidence be needed to find out the cause of sickness, then set urine aside for twenty-four hours; if there is a sediment or settling it is also convincing proof that our kidneys and bladder needs doctoring. A fact often overlooked, is that the women suffer as much from kidney and bladder as men do.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is the discovery of the eminent physician and scientist, and is not recommended for everything, but will be found just what is needed in cases of kidney and bladder disorders or trouble due to uric acid and catarrh of the bladder, gravel, rheumatism and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble. It corrects inability to hold urine and smarting in passing it, and promptly overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night.

The mild and extraordinary effect of this great remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. So universally successful is Swamp-Root in quickly curing even the most distressing cases, that to prove the wonderful merit you may have a sample bottle and a book of valuable information, both sent absolutely free by mail, upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention PALMER JOURNAL and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co, Binghamton, N Y. This generous offer appearing in this paper is a guarantee of genuineness.

He Tried to Catch on Without Paying, But···

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE

X MODEL RACYCLE. PRICE, $35

SEE THEM.

BICYCLES--1898.

WE SHALL OFFER FOR THE SEASON:

THE STEARNS,	$50 to $75
THE RACYCLE,	35 to 75
THE REMINGTON,	50 to 75
THE ECLIPSE,	50 to 75
THE PATTEE,	35

REPAIR WORK.

We shall have a first-class man in our repair department who will do good work at fair prices. Bring your wheels early and avoid delay.

BICYCLE SUNDRIES.

Everything needed in this line we shall endeavor to supply.

HARDWARE.

Agricultural Tools, Plows, Harrows, Builders' Hardware, Seed Sowers.

PAINTS.

Pure Lead, Pure Linseed Oil, Ready-Mixed Paints in large and small cans for all kinds of work.

VARNISH, JAPANS, SHELLACS.

SEEDS.

Garden Seeds—fresh stock now ready. Seed Potatoes—Maine and York State. Grass Seeds. Sweet Peas—large variety.

ROSES and NURSERY STOCK.

Shall be in position to supply fresh stock of good size and quality. Ask for catalogue.

E. A. BUCK & CO.,

Palmer, Mass., Stafford

The Best EAGLE BICYCLE for only $50, and $35 for good reliable up-to-date '98 models.
For ten years Eagle lifecycles have been recognized as highest grade. They have led in improvements, dush joints, choice of finish, etc.

FITZ & WALKER, Agents,
At BABBITT'S, Monson.

Forbes & Wallace.

Springfield, April, 1898.

New and Beautiful Things for Spring Wear.

Millinery.

Enthusiasm over the new millinery is running high. Our delighted milliners are being told on all sides that the new hats are "charming", that everything is "perfectly lovely." Their own opinion coincides with this so admirably that there is but little surprise; the pleasure comes from the assurance.

We would like nothing better than to entertain a thousand women to-day, simply by trying the hats on them—if we could attend to so many. You, who can conveniently, are invited in to see the new things to better advantage than could be done the last two days, on account of the great crowds.

Costumes.

The man who buys the costumes never got so much admiration before. The new suits are elegant, and during opening days won golden opinions. The three styles that fashionables favor this year are

Fly-front Jacket Suits,
Open-blouse Jacket Suits,
Tight-fitting Blouse Suits,

and in these we have a large and choice variety of rich and distinguished things. Little enough money to pay for some; others are quite expensive.

Dress Goods.

If a new dress is to be made for Easter it is high time that you were getting about it. Only a few days remain until then, and most likely your dressmaker is already rushed. Come to-day and select the goods of which it is to be made.

We placebefore you five hundred varieties black and colored goods, all different—25c to $2 a yard. Or your choice of nearly one hundred exclusive dress patterns—$10 to $30 each.

Could anything be easier than to choose where you can see all the best things of the season?

Silk Petticoats.

It has never happened that such a splendid stock of silk petticoats as we now have, could be seen right here in Springfield. Indeed, you will have to travel far to find richer or more distinguished things.

The best of it for you—that we have brought them down to the Springfield level of prices. For instance, $4.39 to $35 each, such as New York or Boston people have to pay $6 to $50 for.

But, we would like to get every woman in to see these petticoats — to see them and nothing more — quickly, before they go.

Forbes & Wallace,
Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets,
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

FOR

MARCH ONLY.

20 lbs. Fine Granulated Sugar and 1 lb. of 60c Black Tea, - - - - - $1.50

Two 5c Bags of Salt for 5c

California Green Gage Plums, Three cans for 25c

Smith Grocery Co.

Main St., Palmer.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 1, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES,

MONSON.

WHAT THE TOWN REPORTS SHOW.

Facts and Figures for the Consideration of the Voters.

The annual town reports were received from the printers yesterday and distributed among the voters. The treasurer's report shows the receipts of the year to have been $49 389 and the expenditures nearly that amount, there being but $3 05 left in the hands of the treasurer. The income account with the Monson waterworks shows the receipts from rentals to have been $2049, and $7058 to have been received from the Massachusetts Epileptic Hospital for the extension of the water system to that institution. The total receipts were $9144, the expenditures $8640, leaving a balance of $504. The present debt of the town, including water bonds for $36,000, a note of $1000 and bills per selectmen's report, is $58,983. There is due the town, from bills per selectmen's report $1552, from taxes $2394, and cash in hands of the treasurer, $507, leaving a balance against the town of $53,280, a decrease in the debt for the year of $1746 There is the sum of $1500 in trust funds in the hands of the treasurer.

The selectmen report that had it not been for the heavy rains in the fore part of the season and the dry weather following, the general condition of the highways would have been good. No macadam road has been put in. The appropriation for highways was $2000 less than last year; as there were several pieces of road greatly in need of repair it was not deemed advisable to take from the regular appropriation a sum sufficient to make any showing with macadam. There has been added 2700 feet of sidewalk The following shows the appropriations and expenditures in the different departments:

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
Highways and bridges,	$4,000	$4,435
Support of poor,	1,500	2,696
Street lighting,	1,575	1,570
Discount on taxes,	1 300	1,342
Monson F. L. and H. R. Association,	300	300
Sidewalks,	500	1,044
Sidewalk from High to Granite street,	300	268
Fire department,	100	100
No. 2 engine house,	900	935
Liquor prosecution,	200	131
School superintendent,	1 001	928
Teachers' salaries and tuitions,	400	425
School books and supplies,	5,800	6,780
Fuel for schools,	850	872
Janitor service—schools,	475	545
High school tuition,	450	476
School committee service,	3,000	2,768
School transportation,	150	150
Repairs—schoolhouses,	400	400
Incidentals for schools,	500	357
Miscellaneous,	100	54
	3,000	3,248

The cost of maintaining the out-door poor was $1776, and the poor on the town farm $920. The inventory at the town farm March 1st was $3075. The net cost of keeping the poor on the farm was $383 The whole number of inmates has been 26, average number 17, cost per week for each inmate, exclusive of interest and taxes, $0 418. Bills are due the town to the amount of $2532; due from the town to the amount of $1836.

The cemetery commissioners report 54 interments during the year. The appropriation was $30 less, and they have overdrawn to the amount of $30 15 They also refer to the gift of the beautiful arch, spanning the southeast entrance to the cemetery, presented the town by Mrs. Emma Field and her husband, Harlan Page, of Germantown, Pa.

The prosecuting committee reports the arrest and conviction of three illegal liquor sellers, one of whom skipped and his bond of $800 is supposed to have been paid; another paid a fine of $200, and sentence is suspended on another charge; the other paid a fine of $100 and has left town The committee used $425, but the town has drawn back $300 from the fines paid by the liquor sellers.

The school committee report the schools of the town and the Academy to be in excellent condition and going a good work. An evening school was established and many have attended. A curfew law would benefit the children and the schools of Monson. The appropriations for schools and their expenses last year was $13,343; the expenditures were $13,941; an appropriation of $12 409 is asked for the coming year.

The report of the superintendent of schools contains the statistics of the Monson schools and reviews their work during the year. The report is very interesting and full of helpful suggestions, showing this official to be fully in touch with the schools.

The report of the water commissioners shows an increase of $160 in the inventory of the stock and tools, the amount being $2077. The sum of $3000 in water bonds has matured and been paid, leaving $56,000 now outstanding. The receipts have been $9144, the expenditures $8640, leaving a balance of $504 in the hands of the treasurer The contract between the commissioners and the Massachusetts Epileptic Hospital is given, as is also an analysis of the Monson water by the state board of health

The Approaching Town Meeting.

The warrant for the town meeting to be held Monday contains thirty-one articles, which is a unusually large number. These provide for the transaction of routine business and to see if the town will appropriate money for its usual expenses. The principal other articles are to see if the town will accept the present system of lighting Memorial Hall, which is giving good satisfaction the expense being cheaper than the old way of lighting, or electric lights; to see if the town will finish the sidewalk already commenced on Margaret street and extend the same to the residence of G. E. Tucker; to see what action the town will take in reference to enlarging the stage in Memorial Hall and procuring scenery for the same On this article there is quite a division of opinion The matter was brought up a few years ago but was voted down. There are a great many now, however, who think the stage in its present condition is not belt arranged for entertainments, but is more for speaking, and think that with a little expense it could be enlarged and fitted with scenery to the advantage of large entertainments, while there are others who think that the stage was not built for plays but for speaking only, therefore its present conditiou could be sufficiently remedied by placing a sounding-board in the hall or stretching wires across it. Also to see if the town will grade State street from Washington to Pearl, and build a sidewalk thereon. The polls will be opened at 9 a. m. and may be closed at 2 p. m. As the town meeting draws near the interest in certain candidates increases, principally those for selectmen, highway surveyor, and the fifth constable. H. M. Smith, Democratic nominee for selectman, has filed withdrawal papers with Town Clerk Gage, leaving only five candidates upon the ballot. Each candidate has many friends who are deeply interested in the election of their choice, and the vote is expected to be close. In the past the selectmen have had charge of the highways, but this year a highway surveyor will be separately elected. Both the candidates, A. D. Norcross and H. D. Moulton, have had some experience in road building, and their friends are making a bot fight. The conflict for fifth constable has been caused by the arrests of a number of bicycle riders for riding on the sidewalk. The license question, although an open one, does not seem to create quite as much interest this year as usual; still, there may be an under current working that will not become visible until Monday.

Charles P Dow is spending his vacation in Somerville.

The new rate on box rent took effect at the post office to-day.

Miss Harriet B Pease is spending a few days in Andover.

John Nelligan is assisting at the post office during his vacation.

Raymond Richards is spending a week at his home in Enfield

H. M. Barlow has been confined to the house several days by illness.

George Bennett of Tufts College is spending his Easter vacation at home.

R. C. Miller has taken an agency of the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. J. N Graves this evening at 7 30.

M. & M. Gavin will hold their spring and summer millinery opening next Tuesday and Wednesday

Eugene Shaw of Thompsonville spent a few days the first of the week at his home on Cushman street

Miss Lena M. Adams, teacher at the Academy, is spending a week at her home in Wethersfield, Ct.

The members of the Windsor Club gave a "heart" party to their lady friends at the club rooms last evening

D. W. Ellis & Son expect soon to build a new dye house and put in a new water wheel in their mill in South Monson.

The last of the series of Lenten services was preached in the Universalist church Monday evening by Rev. Omer G Petrie of Palmer

Sing Lee, the Chinese handyman, is to move his headquarters from Keeley's building to the place vacated by W. S Dunham in Dunham's block

Landlord Foley of the Monson House has made great improvements around his tenement house on Main street by taking away the fence and trees from in front.

At the quarterly meeting of the Historical Society next Wednesday evening business matters of importance will be brought up, and a full attendance is desired.

The Academy closed Wednesday for a six days' intermission Most of the out of town scholars left Wednesday night or Thursday morning for short visits to their homes.

L. M. Howard, who has been ill with scarlet fever, is able to be about again, and his house on Hampden avenue has been thoroughly fumigated by order of the selectmen.

Miss Gertrude B. Gage of Wellesley College is spending her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gage, accompanied by her roommate, Miss Mary Force of Minneapolis.

James Pendergast has one of the Warner steel bicycle stands placed in front of his market for the benefit of bicycle riders who trade at his store. It was purchased through the Fitz & Walker agency.

Mrs Henry S Moore, whose husband's death was recorded in last week's JOURNAL, plans to sell her farm near the Hampden line and remove to the village and resume her former occupation of nursing.

Mrs. Charles Reynolds, whose husband was killed by the cars at North Monson two weeks ago, takes exception to the statement that he had been drinking that afternoon, and says that such was not the case.

G L Fuller has been in Boston this week buying shoes, and will have his spring opening next Wednesday, when he invites all who may be interested in new and nobby footwear to call and inspect his stock.

The Business Men's Association has taken orders for 30,000 advertising envelopes, and will have them ready for delivery soon. They are also in correspondence with two or three outside industries, with a view of adding them to the town's business.

It is expected that the Salvation Army Band, which has been having very fruitful results in Palmer for the past few weeks, will make Monson a visit later. It is probable that if they decide to come they will make their headquarters at one of the churches.

There will be a meeting of those interested in forming a Veteran Firemen's association in No 2 engine house next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. All those who have served in any fire department two years are eligible for membership. The old band engine will be on exhibition at that time.

The Woman's Relief Corps will hold its regular town meeting dinner in Grand Army Hall next Monday. These dinners are not gotten up simply for the voters alone, but for the public, and the good cause which the corps represents and the excellent dinners served in the past should draw a large attendance.

The government has this week sent 13 markers for soldiers' graves, and they were set under the direction of Capt. G. H. Foskit Wednesday. They are of marble, three feet in height—21 inches above the ground—10 inches wide and four inches thick. Upon each is engraved the name, regiment and company of the soldier at whose head it is placed.

The last of the series of lectures by Mrs. Annie Russell Marble of Worcester, under the auspices of the Current Events Club, was given this afternoon at the home of Mrs. George C Flynt, the subject being, "A review of some recent historical novels." The good attendance and the interest that has been taken in these lectures is evidence of the rare ability Mrs. Marble has as a lecturer.

People are looking forward with great interest to Tuesday night, when the kinetoscope, one of Edison's greatest inventions, will make its first appearance in Monson. The entertainment will be given in Memorial Hall under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans. The kinetoscope, a reproducer of scenes from real life, with everything moving, will be accompanied by the graphophone, a reproducer of sound

Seven pictures have recently been given the primary and intermediate schools of the town; four were presented by the Current Events Club and three by "Friends of the schools." They are copies of Rosa Bonheur's "Pharoah's horses," "Noble charger," "Sheep," Raphael's "Madonna of the choir," Frink's "Dogs" The enjoyment displayed by the pupils is sufficient reward for the donors. One pupil said in her note of thanks: "We ought to like our picture, as it is the only large one we have."

At the Republican caucus last Friday night W L Ricketts was elected chairman and C. W. King clerk. These officers were nominated: Town clerk, C. M. Gage; treasurer, T. L Cushman: tax collector, Ralph Clifford; selectmen and overseers of poor, O C. McCray, G H. Foskit, John Leahy; highway surveyor, A. D. Norcross; assessors, W. L. Ricketts, C. C. Keep, Harrison Howe; school committee, A. M. Beebe, M. F. Moore; water commissioner, A D. Norcross; cemetery commissioner, G. E Fuller; constables, J. H. Thompson, T. J. Sault, H. M. Bacon, W. H. Pease, H. D. Osborne; fence viewers, Lee Blanchard, Lester Howe, H. A Rundge; auditors, Rufus P. Cushman, Frank E. Morris.

The seven young men who are arranging for the Easter ball to be given in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening, April 12, are sparing no labor to make it a success. Music will be furnished by the celebrated Brigham's orchestra, of 10 men, with Harry Brigham prompter, who always makes a decided hit in Monson. Committee of arrangements: Charles B. Howard, Quincy H. Ball, Ezra P. Gould, Edward J. Hughes, Henry F. Miller, Charles Entwistle, William H Burdick; floor director, H F. Miller; aids, Ezra P. Gould, E. J. Hughes, C. B. Howard; assisted by Q H. Ball, C. Entwistle, William H. Burdick. Concert tickets will go on sale at Keeney's drug store to-morrow morning.

DUNHAMTOWN.

Miss Margaret Collins of Palmer has been visiting her old friend, Mrs John Haley.

Miss Lizzie Quinlan of Warren spent the past week with her friend, Miss Nellie Haley.

Mr. Dumas, proprietor of the boarding-house at West Brimfield, will move to his farm the first of the month.

The farmers are convinced that spring is really here, as five flocks of wild geese have passed over this vicinity.

SPRING OPENING ... OF NOBBY FOOTWEAR, WEDNESDAY.

Everything we are going to carry in Spring Footwear is now in, and we will have them arranged for your inspection by Wednesday, the day on which we will have our Spring Opening.

OUR SPRING LINES

comprise some of the newest and nobbiest things that the best builders of footwear in the country can produce; the kind that

LOOK WELL,
FIT YOUR FEET,
and WEAR WELL.

Accept our invitation to call Wednesday and we will show you the newest things in Spring Footcovering.

Fuller, the Shoeist,

Monson.

WILBRAHAM.

The spring term of Wesleyan Academy will open next Wednesday.

The annual town meeting will be held next Monday. The Republican and Democratic caucuses nominated the same town officials, so there will be no contest. One of the articles in the town warrant is to see what inducement the town will make to have the Wilbraham Woolen Company rebuild its mill, which was burned in 1881. At the town meeting in 1894 it was voted to abate the taxes of the company for the previous year as soon as $1000 had been expended in rebuilding the mill. It has never been rebuilt, but now that times are better there is a good prospect of something being done if satisfactory inducements are held out.

HAMPDEN.

Mrs. Frank Moore has gone to Brattleboro, Vt., for a month's visit with her daughter.

Miss Inez Burleigh, a teacher in Holbrook, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Burleigh.

A union Sunday school convention is to be held in the Congregational church this month. Mrs. H. E Sessions is in charge.

The annual town meeting will be held in Academy Hall next Monday. The warrant contains 15 articles. Dinner will be served the voters by the ladies of the Congregational church.

The Woman's Club will hold a meeting next Monday evening Miss Sessions will give the last talk on Drummond's "Ascent of Man." "Current events" will be by Mrs. S W. Chapin

LUDLOW.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Knowlton have been visiting in town.

Brigham lodge of Masons held its first sociable of the year Thursday evening.

The monthly sacred concert was held in the Union church Sunday evening. Excellent music was included in the programme by the orchestra under the leadership of W. H. Lipping.

There was a burglary in Ludlow Monday night, when the store of A. H. Halford on Sewall street was entered, the thieves gaining an entrance by forcing the lock on the door. Several revolvers and razors, a gold watch, and the cash drawer containing a few cents, were taken. The cash drawer was found in a swamp about a mile from the Boston and Albany railroad near Collins Depot. No clew has been found as to the identity of the thieves.

BRIMFIELD.

Miss F. C. Bliss returned to her home today for ten days.

Mrs. John W. Noyes is in town for an indefinite length of time.

Miss Jennie Livermore of Chicopee will spend her spring vacation with her parents.

Dr John L. Bacon of Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, is at home for a short time.

Miss Ida Brown, who has been teaching in Southbridge since Christmas, is at home for a short vacation

At the town caucus Wednesday night the following were nominated as candidates for the offices: Town clerk and treasurer, Oscar F. Brown; selectmen, Arthur B Brown, B. H Davenport, Edward B. Brown; assessors, George H Streeter, Sanford Booth, C. C. Brown; overseers of the poor, Orus Parker, Frank Cook, George L Agard; tax collector, Elijah Allen.

The Hitchcock Academy closed last Friday for a week's vacation. In the evening the usual senior reception was held in the town hall, when Rev Mr. Forbush of Warren delivered a very interesting lecture entitled "Patchwork." There was a good number present, and the evening was a very pleasant one The teachers and the students at the dormitory returned to their respective homes for the vacation

BELCHERTOWN.

The library will close next Monday for two weeks.

Frank Bridgman has taken a position in C. L Holland's market.

The creamery will pay 3 cents per space for February cream.

Miss Susie Goodwin of Ware is the guest of her cousin, Miss Olive Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs Charles Randall are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith.

A teachers' institute will be held Friday, April 15th, at the high school building.

Fred Normandin of Fitchburg has the contract for laying the new concrete sidewalks.

Mrs. Knowlton and son of Chester are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bridgman.

Mrs Oliver Hyde was called to Northampton this week by the illness of her sister, Mrs. A. L Thayer.

Mr. and Mrs Harry Shannon of Springfield are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shannon.

Edson Farrington, who has served as warden of the town farm for nine years, has been engaged for another year.

At a meeting of the Belchertown creamery patrons held Monday it was voted to adopt the Babcock test system of payment.

A niece of Captain John Anderson has in her possession a platter with a picture of the old Harvard college buildings on it.

J M. Clough has removed to his new home on Main street. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jackson are to occupy a part of the house.

G. H. B. Greene, who a year ago leased his farm for two years to O. B. Davis, has purchased Mr Davis's interest and released to Elias Holmes. Mr. Davis has returned to his own place on the Enfield road.

WARE.

All the schools closed to-day for the spring vacation.

William N. Fitzgerald left Monday for Galveston, Texas

The painting of the Methodist church has been awarded to Daniel Collins

The final hearing on the grade crossings will be held in the district court room April 16th, at 9 a. m.

The school committee has organized with Dr. D. M. Ryan chairman, Frederick D Gilmore secretary, and Col. E. H. Gilbert treasurer

Karena Bnacuska, an operative in the weaving room of the Otis Company's mill, had the fourth finger on her right hand badly crushed Wednesday Amputation was necessary.

H C. Davis, Jr., of Amherst College, has been spending the spring vacation at his home. Mr Davis is a candidate for pitcher on the college nine, and is considered the most promising one.

The Unitarian society has elected these officers: Clerk, James Edmonds; treasurer, Charles E Stevens; prudential committee, Charles E Stevens, E D Howard, Joseph N. Lincoln; collectors, Roy C Southworth and J Gardner Lincoln; solicitor, Mrs. Henry F. Barnes; committee on music, Miss Mary Root, Miss Julia Newland and Charles Hills

Oasis Rebekah lodge was instituted Wednesday afternoon by the grand officers, and these officers installed: N. G, Mrs. Marcia Sanford; R. S. N G., Mrs Mary Rood; L S N. G, Mrs Abbie Bassett; P. G, Mrs Ella Washburn; V. G., Mrs Edith N. Studd; R. S. Mrs Susan Southworth; F. S., Mrs. Carrie Williams; treasurer, Mrs. Nellie K. Sharpe; chaplain, Mrs Lizzie Buckley; warden, Mrs Mary Lindsay; conductor, Grace L Gates. After the installation a collation was served. In the evening 69 candidates were initiated.

J Odillion Deslauriers, one of the defeated candidates for selectmen, petitioned for a recount and it was held in the district court room Wednesday. It resulted as follows: J. Odillion Deslauriers, 518; Andrew G Crowley, 426; Frank Hills, 524; Henry F Barnes, 558; George D. Storrs, 716. Each of the candidates gained one, excepting Crowley, who lost one, and Hills, who gained two. The selectmen have organized with H. F. Barnes chairman and Frank Hills clerk. The following policemen were appointed: Chief, Maurice Fitzgerald; Thomas H. Rennison. A Myron Ramsdell, John B. Beauchemin.

Annual Town Meeting.

A very heavy vote was polled at Monday's town meeting, 1119 votes, including 8 women's ballots, being cast. George D. Storrs was given the handsome vote of 715 for selectman Articles for additional street lights and for appropriations not recommended by the appropriation committee were turned down. The town reports had been placed in the hands of the voters several days before the meeting, and as a result all the boards were criticised, especially the selectmen. The town went license. The following is a summary of the results:

Moderator, Lewis N. Gilbert; clerk and treasurer, Abner F. Richardson; selectmen, George D. Storrs, Henry Barnes, Frank Hills; overseer of the poor for three years, Adolphus H. Gilbert; assessors, Michael W. Buckley, Edward P. Morse, Charles E. Blood; school committee for three years, Dr. Dennis M. Ryan; auditors, Thomas E. Haley, Arthur N. Newcomb; constables, Maurice Fitzgerald, A. Myron Ramsdell, Thomas H. Rennison and John B. Beauchemin; tax collector, Frederick W. Farrar; board of health for three years, Dr. Dennis M. Ryan; water commissioner for three years, George D. Storrs. Appropriations: Discount on taxes, $5300; town officers, 3000; schools, 32,500; library, dog fund and 1000; paupers, 8000; highways, bridges, sewers and general repairs, 4350; sidewalks, 1325; estimated county and state tax, 11,000; police, 2100; street lights, 3600; public use of water, 450; town debt, 22,650; interest, 3400; Memorial Day, Grand Army, etc., 1425; contingent account, for selectmen, 2300; miscellaneous, 1200; permanent roads, 3000; total, 104,800. Liquor license: Yes, 625; no, 411.

REPORT OF THE MAINE BOARD OF INQUIRY.

The long and anxiously-awaited report of the board of inquiry which has been investigating the cause of the destruction of the warship Maine in the harbor of Havana February 15th, was submitted to Congress Monday, accompanied by a message from President McKinley, and the findings of the board thus officially made public The report is accompanied with a mass of testimony, on which the conclusions of the board are based. The naval court found that the explosion was caused by a mine externally and exonerates all on board the ill-fated ship from blame.

The report is divided into eight sections. The first two state the arrival of the Maine in Havana and the excellent discipline aboard the vessel, and that all ammunition was stowed in accordance with prescribed instructions and all the usual precautions taken to obviate danger. The coal had been carefully inspected and the fire alarms in the coal bunkers were in working order. The two after boilers were in use at the time, with a very low pressure of steam, and could not have caused the explosion. The four forward boilers have been found by the divers to be in fair condition. Section three states that there were two explosions of a distinctly different character: The first like the sound of a gun, and followed shortly by one more open, prolonged, and of greater volume. It is the opinion of the court that the second explosion was caused by the exploding of a portion of the forward magazines. Section four tells the condition of the wreck as conclusions were formed from the testimony of the divers. Section five says:

At frame 17 the outer shell of the ship from a point 11½ feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water; therefore about 34 feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured. The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed V shape, the after wing of which, about 15 feet broad and 30 feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25), is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward. At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two, and the flat keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating. This break is now about six feet below the surface of the water, and about 30 feet above its normal position. In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18 and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

Section six states that the accident was not caused by any fault or negligence of those on board, and the last two sections state that in the opinion of the court the Maine was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines, and that the court has been unable to obtain evidence fixing the responsibility upon any person or persons.

The message of President McKinley is in keeping with his position thus far regarding our Cuban relations, and it is calm and dispassionate. It states that he has directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of the government thereon be communicated to the government of her majesty, the queen regent of Spain, and that he does not permit himself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments.

That there was something beside the best interests of the town back of the vote on the library matter at the town meeting Monday is plainly evident from the facts in the case. Even those who argued most and strongest for the establishment of a town library had nothing but words of commendation for the members of the present association and their work, the excellence of the service rendered and the economy of administration. It was frankly stated by them that no better service, if as good, would result from the town's owning the library, and that it would cost the town probably twice the present sum for running expenses And yet those who are always strenuous for the best interests of the town and a minimum of appropriations voted for a town library. The vote, 88 to 79, was practically on religious lines; less than half a dozen Protestants voted for a town library, while a still less number of Catholics were found on the side of the present library. It would be interesting to know just what was the reason for a division on these lines.

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TOWN OF MONSON.
TOWN WARRANT.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Monson, in said County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the town of Monson, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Memorial Town Hall, in said Monson, on Monday, the 4th day of April, A. D. 1898, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, three Assessors, Highway Surveyor, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, Tax Collector, five Constables, two Auditors, two School Committee for three years, and three Fence Viewers; also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the Town of Monson for the ensuing year;" all on one ballot.

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

ART. 4. To hear reports of Town officers and committees, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 6 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, and appoint a committee to prosecute such illegal sale.

ART. 7. To determine what use shall be made of the dog money received from the County Treasurer the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the Monson Free Library and Reading Room Association.

ART. 10. To raise and appropriate money for the discount on taxes.

ART. 11. To determine the method of collecting taxes, and direct in regard to the payment of the same.

ART. 12. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for sidewalks and direct how the same shall be expended.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for lighting the streets.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for cemetery purposes.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to Marcus Keep Post, G. A. R., for the celebration of Memorial Day.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will instruct its Assessors to publish a report of the valuation and taxes for the ensuing year.

ART 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the present system of lights that are now in use in Memorial Town Hall, subject to the approval of the Town, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to finish the sidewalk already commenced on Margaret street, and extend the same to the residence of George E. Tucker and Son, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 20. To see If the Town will raise and appropriate money to grade, widen and harden the road from the foot of the hill near the residence of John W. Brown to an oak tree near the residence of Wm. Sutcliffe.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to finish grading Highland avenue.

ART 22. To see what action the Town will take in reference to enlarging the stage in Memorial Town Hall, and procuring scenery, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to grade State street from Washington street to Pearl street, build a sidewalk thereon, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from the Park Avenue Association a certain plot of land on the north side of Park Avenue, known as the Park, and its adjacent avenues, the conditions of said gift being that no building be placed upon the land.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the expense of the Monson Fire Department for the ensuing year, or make some other provisions for its maintenance.

ART. 26. To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing a road scraper, and raise and appropriate money for same.

ART. 27. To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing a portable stone crushing plant, and raise and appropriate money for same.

ART. 28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to furnishing water for street sprinkling.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to straighten Margaret and Granite streets at the intersection of Thomson street.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to remove stone walls side of highways where they cause the snow to drift.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money when necessary for Town use.

The polls will be open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the places designated by said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and by causing an attested copy thereof to be published in one issue of the Palmer JOURNAL.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Monson, this twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1898. 1-1

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RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Cold Brook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

GOING WEST.

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Pansy Park, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 7.15, 11.24 a. m.; 4.28, 6.45 p. m. Sundays, 4.35 p. m.
RETURNING—Leave Northampton 5.55, 8.00 a. m.; 2.15, 6.00 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

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I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

We know nothing of the early companionships and friendships of Jesus. Yet we may be sure that he did not grow up in isolation. The normal child is not a hermit, either in taste or habit, and it would do irreparable injury to keep him aloof from other children. There is an important part of his nature that rules and tutors cannot educate; there is a knowledge that no instructors and no books can communicate; there is a mental and moral vigor and health that comes only by breathing a social air; it comes only by contagion, by infection, by influence. "You send your child to the schoolmaster," says Emerson, "but it is the school-boys who educate him."

There is, perhaps, a certain advantage in the isolation of country life. Children may be kept from evil companions more easily on the farm than on village streets and city pavements. And yet there is a certain dwarfing of the child who cannot have as many playmates as its nature craves, but must pour out its soul to dolls and pets, and learn its lessons of life only from the sternness and the kindness of nature. There are not many children, however, who are isolated, either by the foolish carefulness of their parents or the mere physical exile of distance. They meet each other on the street, in the school, at the church; they are together at work and at play, in their own homes and abroad. And the serious question comes to all parents, How are we to make these childish companionships contribute to the good of our growing children, and prevent them from doing harm to those we love best? It comes not only to parents, but to teachers and to ministers as well. For every one who has to do with the development of manhood and womanhood must recognize the influence of associates as one of the most powerful factors either to aid or to hinder his work.

Of course it is impossible to choose whom the child shall associate with and whom he shall not meet. When the five-year-old stalks proudly off to school he has entered a world that is full of other people, and he must begin to assert himself among them, and to be influenced by them. He must meet them, see them, play and work with them; and there is no power to stop his ears against words he ought not to hear; there is no hand to close his eyes to things he ought not to see; there is no voice but the inner one, no power but his own will, to restrain the childish tendency to imitation. Keep him at home and you with-hold him from good influence as well as from bad; send him only among a chosen few and you will only delay the hour of his trial and his danger.

But it is possible for a boy to mingle with mates and be manly; Jesus was well approved of God during the period of his youth as well as during the years of his maturity. He was a village boy and not a hermit, but he grew into perfect manhood, and kept the spirit always superior to the flesh. And I think this possibility may be realized in every child whose parents will take pains to strengthen his will and to cultivate in him a spirit of dependence and of independence.

A boy ought to depend on his father and mother for guidance, for instruction, for counsel—and he will do so if they encourage his confidence in them, by treating him as a person with "long, long thoughts," rather than as a thing, to be disposed of arbitrarily. And he ought to be independent of other influences, sturdily believing that his father's wisdom is greater than any boy's, and his parents more worthy of imitation than any of his mates. It is not impossible to render a boy so stubborn in matters of right and wrong, so decisive in his nature, so conscientious in his actions, so pure in his tastes, that he will be impervious to evil influence, and will be among his fellows a restraining power. It is not impossible to inspire him at home to such an extent that he will be strong enough to resist the temptation to do a wrong thing because someone proposes it or does it. And no one has done his duty to his child who has not done all that he can to give him by heredity and by culture a pure heart, a good conscience and a strong will. To send him into the world without these things is to commit his future to the chances of companions and associates. And there are lives that, if not ruined and despoiled by the evil thoughts and habits contracted in these years of plasticity, are yet sadly maimed and stained and dwarfed by them. There are souls that would give everything to forget, to escape the clinging memories and thoughts and habits of early years. Let no one under-estimate the power or the permanence of early influence and association. True it may be overcome in after years by counter influences or by a sudden assertion of the man himself: but it is unsafe to trust the future. The hour of opportunity and of duty, is always now.

Besides this careful strengthening of the defences of the child against the insidious approach of evil, this disposing of his nature to receive and to ally itself with the best things it sees and hears, something may be done to secure a good choice of intimate companions, to insure cordial reception and active alliance with the best of his little friends. Not by direct prohibition, but by indirect suggestion. Not by word so much as by deed. Let the boy bring his chums home and play with them there; the boy himself and the man that is to be are worth a thousand clean floors. If your ears ache with noise and your back with extra toil it is a vicarious suffering and will work salvation not only to your own boy, but to all his mates. If he and they can feel at home in your house, your yard, your barn they will not choose the chances of the street, or wander far away from the spirit of your lives. And your own boy, to whom you are most bound, will soon feel the inharmony between yourself and any mates unfit for him: he will yield to your influence if you are his confidant and friend, and will choose for himself the friends you approve in your heart.

The influence of associates is perhaps most marked in childhood and youth: but the soul is never entirely unresponsive to the subtle magnetism of other souls, and is never beyond the point where it may not be helped or hindered, made or marred by the influence of its friends and companions. The power of influence is unto salvation and condemnation. It is the means whereby the spirit of God and the spirit of this world work upon the heart of man.

There is no truth that can purify, no error that can corrupt, apart from its incarnation in a human life: it is men and women who bless and curse the world, and no mere abstraction. So let a man look well to the choice of his brethren and his friends, and

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Not long after the old man left an old woman came to worship. She prostrated herself before the idols and prayed and prayed until it rained. Then she said to the boy, "Your master knows me well, for I come often to worship. Will you please lend me his umbrella?"

"No," was the prompt reply, "I can't lend anybody anything."

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"All right, sir. I'll say it next time."

Not long after this the master went away again and there came a man who said, "Little priest, I have been high up on the mountains and gathered a big load of kindling wood. It is too heavy. I cannot get it home. Will you please let me take your master's horse?"

"Come in, sir," said the little man. "And make yourself very comfortable. I will bring you little cakes and steep you fresh tea; but I am very sorry to say, the old horse was out in a storm, and it blew and it blew, and it took the skin right off and blew the bones away, and we haven't any!"

The man gazed in astonishment upon the boy and turned away in disgust.

When the master returned the boy related all that had happened and received a round scolding: "Oh, you small idiot; you grow worse and worse. Don't tell the same story every time. Have some sense—make your story fit. You should have said, 'I am very sorry to say, the old horse was out in the field and tumbled in a hole and sprained his leg and went lame, and we turned him out to grass and we haven't any.'"

"All right, sir; I will say it the next time."

Again the boy was left in charge, and there came a man who said: "Your master is my dear old friend, I would like to see him."

"Come in, sir; take a seat, sir. I will bring you new cakes and steep you fresh tea. Please be as comfortable as possible, sir. I am very sorry to say my master was out in the field and stumbled and went lame, and we have turned him out to grass, and we haven't any!"

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to the sturdy maintenance of his own individuality as he mingles with them.

Friends contribute to the making of a man in many ways. First, perhaps, by this very power of influence with which we are all familiar though we cannot explain it. "He who associates with dogs will learn to howl." He who passes his time with men whose habits are unclean, impure, injurious, will invariably be weakened in his opposition and resistance to such things. He will contract at least a certain charity for these evil courses even though he may not illustrate Pope's dictum that

"Vice seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

There is a delicate responsiveness in the harp of a thousand strings, and there is sure to be some string to vibrate in unison with the note constantly, even though faintly, sounded near it. Well for the soul if these notes be pure and clear and true; ill, if they are harsh and dissonant with the chords that were sounded in the life of Jesus the Christ. Well for the soul if the hand that plucks its harp be that of a master of the harmony of life, if the counsel that its friends directly give is good and godlike. But it is woe to receive the wisdom that is from beneath, that counsels distrust of purity and truth, that doubts the power and the love and the goodness of God, that talks cynically of virtue and of the spiritual realities of our existence.

Let a man, therefore, who would be every whit whole, who would acquit himself like a man, choose, in so far as he can, such friends as will help him to realize his best self, and avoid those, however pleasant their companionship, whose presence or whose counsel lowers his standards and weakens the power of his will to do the things he ought. And let him cultivate through this friendship with good men, good books, good institutions, a power not only to resist the beginning of evil habits of thought or action, and to keep himself unspotted from the world in which his lot is necessarily cast; but also to exert a redemptive influence upon those with whom he is brought in daily contact. For no man ought to be such a weakling that he must keep utterly aloof from his inferiors and his evil brethren. Every man's circle of friends should include those below him as well as those above him. And he ought to be "equal to every relation." The hand stretched upward should take such firm hold upon goodness that he may not only be upheld from degradation, but that he may uphold and uplift his weaker and his fallen brother. Jesus mingled with publicans and sinners, not to enjoy their baseness but to save them from it by the power of his friendship. He was so firmly held to God that he could be the friend of any man, however degraded, without hurt to himself and with infinite blessing to him that was befriended.

This leads me to remark that the second help of friends comes through the demands they make upon one.

A man who would win and keep friends must show himself friendly. He must be willing to serve. He must renounce his sellishness. He cannot be like the desert that absorbs all moisture and shows no sign: he must be like the spring of living water that pours itself from the cleft in the rock to give drink to bird and beast and flower. He must be not only ready to do what is asked of him, but alert to anticipate the wants and the needs of his friends, perhaps even to create the want his hand supplies. It was this free giving of himself that won friends to Jesus. He delivered unto them the words he had received of his Father. He served them once in the most menial way, girding himself and washing their feet. He stood between them and persecution, saying to Pilate's Soldiers, "If ye seek Jesus, I am he; let these go their way." He laid down his life for them. Verily Jesus showed himself a friend.

Now any man who will fulfill this condition of having friends grows himself the more a man. Every sacrifice, every giving up of himself, every effort made unselfishly developes the divinity within him, strengthens the fibres of his soul, and perfects the beauty of his character.

But any one will find that to have the friends he covets for himself, he must be something in himself. If he desires not simply those that follow him for the loaves and fishes they may get from him, and fall away when the chances of such help are past, but friends that are attached to him for what he is in himself, and who will be true to him in the times when he needs counsel, sympathy and help, he must be a man whose nature and character command respect and kindle affection. He who is true to himself and he alone, will have true friends. Let no man, then, seek to buy his friends with fawning or with gifts, with flatteries or with services: let him show himself a man in all the trials of life and God shall give him one out of the world to be his refuge and his strength in hours of crisis. No man having friends can fail to feel the stimulus of this thought, and to make his life as worthy as he can.

The man whose life is unworthy is specially helped by the friendships proffered him by better men, if given not in distant and cold condescension, but in fraternity and brotherly love. The "nobleness that lies in him, sleeping but never dead, will rise in majesty" to meet the nobleness of his friend. Every man is helped by this desire to be worthy of the friendship proffered him, to rise and stand beside the man who has not been ashamed for his sake to come down and stand beside him. A man's possibility of salvation from sin resides in this pride in his own personality, this shame at being unworthy of the "love that is saved for it, proffered to, spent on." We are redeemed, every one of us, because Christ comes in humility, "having made himself of no reputation, and taken upon himself the form of a servant, to stand beside us and befriend us. It is the natural response of our unworthy souls to his divine and perfect life and love that makes us superior to our temptations, able to put away the sin that doth so easily beset us and every weight that hinders us, and to run with patience the race that is set before us.

Friends help to make a man perfect by multiplying his points of contact with the world. Through them he reaches out in many directions and touches many men whom he could not otherwise reach. "A man has as many pairs of hands and feet, as many pairs of eyes and ears, as many tongues as he has friends." His thought becomes their thought and passes into deed through them. Jesus dies, is raised from the dead, and ascends into heaven,—but there are seven men who keep his word on the earth and who proclaim the gospel of his life to every one they meet, confirming it to all by Christlike lives. So a man is made perfect by the friends he makes and "grapples to his soul with hoops of steel."

I leave the sacred coasts of these friendships founded in affection to seek the profaner shores of artificial associations, such as men form for mutual pleasure, culture, benefit. The social instinct is native in the human heart, and from it have grown the fundamental factors in human development,—the home, the church and the state. From it have grown, too, in these modern days fraternities, societies, lodges, clubs: all of them exerting a tremendous power over men for weal or woe.

I think that most of these are helpful, though some are undoubtedly open doors to destruction. Behind the closed doors of clubs, consorting with men who are loyal to each other's vices as well as to their virtues, many a man has stifled his conscience with luxury and entered upon dissipations that work his ruin. There are clubs and clubs, and no man can be too careful of entering one where the doors are made the barriers of shame against the pure eyes of virtue; no man can be too careful to choose that club in which, when he is at rest off his guard, he shall receive nothing but suggestions of good, and impulses to be his best self. It may be the making of a young man to throw him into the society of Christian gentlemen, who even in their hours of ease are enlightened with the light of the world: but it will mar any man to spend his leisure with none but his moral inferiors.

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more such connections than one is equal to and then to neglect them all. Does cut into meager incomes, the man either gives all his strength to try to discharge his duties to every lodge he has joined, or else becomes so negligent that he receives no good from any. In either case he is harmed. Lodges like food should be taken in moderation.

The church is the safest as well as the most natural of these artificial helps and will contribute more than any others to make a man of him who identifies himself with it. Lodges delight to number saints and patriots among their past members; and some of the grandeur of their lives undoubtedly passes into every man who earnestly identifies himself with the lodge: but the church draws its life from the historic and the ever present Christ, and his spirit will surely pass into the life of every man who, in humility of spirit, joins himself unto it. The association with men and women who have consecrated themselves to noble living and to service will react only to help the man: the entrance it affords him into their society, the chance it gives him to form personal friendships with them, the opportunity it affords him to work with them and to worship God in their fellowship, makes the church a true home and a true helper of manhood.

I add one suggestion—that the doors of homes are shut too tight against newcomers. People are conservative and slow to receive new families that move into their vicinity; but even more slowly are the doors of Christian homes opened to young men and women who are as strangers in a strange land. They are left too long to find their company in hotel parlors, or their solace in solitude. Not every home can be a boarding place for those who are away from their own homes, but every home might be a home to some such stranger, and bless him with its ministries and its sweet influences.

O, my friends, our human relationships are all sacred. Both by what they give us and by what they require of us they foster the growth of our souls. Let us seek such as will promote our growth in righteousness; let us be faithful to every opportunity of friendship and association, that we may declare his word unto them that God has given us one of all the world, and make them better for knowing us.

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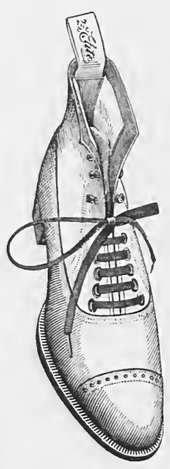

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Mary's a marster hand to talk, a reg'lar talk expert;
But w'at she uster talk about wuz cleanin' house an' dirt;
'Bout bringin' mud in on my feet, an' hangin' up my clo'es;
Of Tom's protrudin' elbows, an' Dick's protrudin' toes;
An' bout her pies that got baked on, 'bout her preserves that soured,
An' 'bout her tin an' pewter pans she never could keep scoured;
An' 'bout the everlastin' flies she driv out twice a day,
'Bout rats that et her cheese up an' cats that spilt her whey;
'Bout cramp-spells with her scrubbin' brush, an' an backache at her tub—
An' all that ar I uster hear 'fore Mary jined her club.

But now she talks 'bout Tennerson the po'try man, you know—
The po'try man who writ so much—whose writin's jingle so;
About Jonmillion's hunkum verse, the best thing of its kind,
In his book about the devil which he writ w'en he wuz blind;
An' 'bout a man named Shakespeare, too, whose geenyus had no clogs,
Who spent his life in writin' down a mess er dialognes;
An' a man who writ long stories that ther club folks greatly prize—
George W. Elliot I believe—they seem to me like lies;—
An' 'bout a chap named Illneing too—no, no—Browning—that's his name,
Who writ a book of puzzles with no answers to the same;
An' ol' Alf. Walter Emerson an' Wendull Phillips Holmes,
James Rustle Lynn—No? Lowell?—Yis—who writ so many pomes;
Sence all this stuff I hear about my life ain't such a rub,
An' now I hear this ev'ry day sence Mary jined the club.

An' sometimes she gits talkin' 'bout the remynsarnce of art.
I don't know nothin' w'at it means, but she doz—she is smart!
W'y the words she uses sometimes they is publicly immense,
'Bout the "re-hab-bil-i-ta-shun of the scientific sense."
An' she talks of evolertion: Say! you know what that ar is?
Yer don't? Wall, then I'll tell ye, jist to show she knows her biz:

It is a matter's intergration
With conkomertant disserpation
Of motion
From incoherunt homergeniety
To koherunt Hattie Row Geniety
Cute notion!

Yes, sir! that is everlution. There yer hev it plain an' flat,—
An' Mary knows a lot er things that's pootier than that;
An' now Mary talks 'em to me, w'y, my life ain't sich a rub,
It's one sweet song of pooty words sence Mary jined the club.

Sometimes she talks for hours 'bout the planet Satan's rings,
The ocherder hypothenuse an' them ar sort er things;
About the lates' theories of bisickle research,
An' lots er new theedegy I never heerd in church.
She knows the ol' philosophers that any man can know,
She knows John Stuart Factory an' Edward Ev'ritt Snow;
She describes the great procession that the equernoxes made,—
An' I thought the way she told it 'twas a tarnal long parade.
Oh, life ain't w'at it uster be, 'tain't no sich grind an' scrub,
For I jest soak in litracher sence Mary jined the club.

LOUISE.

I had always maintained that Oswell was a man of genius, and that he was wasting his time and his abilities in the hack work daily journalism. He lived only a few doors from me, and I had frequent opportunities of preaching to him from the above text. In time my sermons had their effect. Oswell began to write short stories, and these were soon recognized as among the best short stories of the day.

At first he insisted that his success as a story-writer was a mere fluke; but he gradually came to perceive that he had found his true vocation. He abandoned journalistic work and shut himself up in order to write a novel. He was at all times an extremely industrious and hard-working man; but, as he became more and more interested in his novel, he worked almost incessantly, and I saw very little of him. One evening just after dinner he came into my office, where I usually took my after-dinner cigar, and said:

"Doctor, I have come to consult you I think that I am either insane already, or in immediate danger of becoming insane."

"I can assure you at once that you are not in the least danger of insanity," said I. "When a man is sane enough to know that he is insane, he is perfectly sane."

"That is rather too much of a paradox to be convincing," he replied. "Wait till you hear what I have to tell you. You will then find either that I am insane, or that the age of miracles has returned."

"Take a cigar first," said I, and let me assure you that you have the eye and the temperature of a particularly sane and healthy man. However, let us hear what you have to say."

"You know, of course," b gan Oswell, "that about six months ago I undertook to write a novel for Peters & Sons, and to deliver the manuscript on the first of May next. That gave me only eight months in which to do the work, and as I was anxious to do something that would attract attention, I have been hard at work ever since.

"Now you know I have never been a conceited ass, whatever other varieties of an ass I may have been. But I assure you that I have been doing good work. I have a plot that is absolutely new, and I have done my very best to make my characters live men and women."

"Have you succeeded in that?" I asked as Oswell paused, and seemed to be at a loss what to say next.

"Altogether too well, at least in one instance," he replied. "It is that very fact that brings me here. Can you imagine an author writing of a girl so long and so intently that he finally falls in love with her?"

"Anything is possible provided it is sufficiently idiotic," I replied

"Of course, of course," he answered hastily. "I know that it was idiotic, but for all that, the girl grew to seem so absolutely alive to me that I ended by loving her. In the first place she is more beautiful than any woman whom you or I ever saw. By the bye, did you ever try to see in imagination the face of the heroine of any novel—without the assistance of an artist, I mean? Try it and you will find that it is impossible. You may say to yourself that the girl has eyes and hair of such a color, that her mouth is small or large, and that she has any sort of nose you choose. Do your best and you cannot make a mental portrait that will be visible to you. The utmost you can do will be to perceive that the girl is either short or tall, plump or thin. Her face will be forever hidden from you."

"Admitting all this," said I, "what has it to do with your heroine?"

"Only this, that long before I saw her, her face was perfectly familiar to me, even her changes of expression and tricks of manner. Of all the flesh and blood women whom I have known there is not one whom I can see in memory half as clearly as I could see Louise. It was not merely her wonderful beauty that fascinated me. There was a charm about her that I cannot define, but that to me irresistible. And then I could not love her for her nobility of character, Doctor, I tell you that a better, more sincere, more fearless, more high-minded, more noble woman never lived. No man who knew her could have helped loving her, and who could ever know her as well as I, her creator? Now do you think I am insane?"

"I think you are very lucky in not being a married man," I replied. "If there was a Mrs. Oswell, Mademoiselle Louise would seriously complicate things."

"But," urged Oswell, "does what I have said shake your faith in my sanity?"

"Not in the least. Have I not always maintained that you are a man of genius, and as such you have a right to indulge in little eccentricities? If that is all you have to tell me I shall still continue to insist that you are sane."

"That is not all. What would you say if I told you that I had actually seen Louise with my own eyes?"

"I should say that you had been working too hard and needed a rest. Seeing spectres is by no means a rare result of overwork. It does not mean that the man who sees them is insane, but that there is some slight insanity—in other words, derangement—of the optic nerve or the retina. If you have begun to see spectres, you will, if you keep on working, hear voices before long. Even then you will not be insane. But take my advice and knock off work for two or three months, and you will find that Mademoiselle Louise will vanish."

"I am not sure that I want her to vanish, even if that were to be the price of my sanity. But let me tell you how it is that she appears to me. Perhaps you will change your mind as to the spectral theory.

"About two months ago I was working at my book one evening. It must have been about ten o'clock If you remember, my desk stands in the center of the room, and there is a mirror directly opposite to it. I happened to lift my eyes and I saw a woman's figure reflected, as I thought, in the mirror. I looked hastily around, but there was no woman in the room. I looked again at the mirror, and saw the woman so plainly that I recognized her as Louise, in spite of the fact that both her face and figure seemed filmy and semi-transparent She was looking at me, and I thought I could perceive a smile on her lips. I sprang to my feet and went towards the mirror, but the vision suddenly disappeared.

"After satisfying myself that the door was shut, and that it could not be opened from the outside without a key, I sat down again at my desk, a good deal startled. I did not for an instant suppose that the vision was anything but an hallucination, due either to overwork, or perhaps, to indigestion. So after having convinced myself that it was a matter of no consequence, but that it would be wiser to do no more work that night, I put out my lamp and went to bed.

"The next night I glanced several times at the mirror as I was working, but it showed me nothing except my own face. After a while I got up, intending to rest myself for a few moments by walking up and down the floor. There, directly in front of me, at the other end of the room, I saw Louise.

"This time the vision seemed much less filmy and unsubstantial than it had seemed the first time that I saw it. Still, either the figure or the air of the room between it and me wavered as heated air wavers, and I could distinctly see that the outer edges of the woman's dress were transparent. I had no sensation of fear. How could I have had when I saw before me a woman whom I knew so completely, and whom I loved? I went towards her with outstretched arms, and with a cry on my lips. This time she did not immediately vanish. I seemed to be nearly touching her, and almost on the point of clasping her in my arms, when she melted away, and I found myself alone again."

"There is a steamer to the Cape next Saturday," I said, as Oswell paused again "Take it, and don't put pen to paper for the next six months."

"Since that night," continued Oswell, without noticing my interruption, "I have seen Louise every night. Gradually her figure has taken more and more of the apparent solidity of actual life. She approaches close to me, and sometimes she puts her arms about my neck I cannot feel them, but I can see them. I put my arms around her, and I clasp nothing that is tangible. It is only to the sense of sight that she is perceptible.

"She does not speak, but she understands what I say. In her eyes and her expression there is all the vivacity that an actual woman could show. That she loves me there cannot be a shadow of doubt. I can look through her eyes down into her soul. She stands by my desk while I write, and knows without reading it what I am writing of her. Between us there is the most perfect communion of thought. As I said, she is intangible, but, for all that, our souls have kissed one another."

The passion in the man's voice startled me. For the first time I began to think it possible that he was really insane. However, I had, through long experience, gained some little reputation in the treatment of nervous disorders, and I felt reasonably sure that whatever hallucinations Oswell might have, his brain was as yet free from disease.

"Oswell, old man," I said, "there is nothing in the world the matter with you except overwork. Your spectre will disappear as soon as you have given yourself a long rest. Go to the Cape, or, better still, round the world. You'll come back another man Stay here and work as you have been working, and I won't answer for the consequences."

"You will insist," said Oswell, "that Louise is what you call a spectre and not a visible spirit?"

"Certainly I do. There cannot be the least doubt as to the young persons composition. I have in my library records of a number of cases of men who have been temporarily haunted by spectres. You may read them if you choose."

"I wish that I could convince myself that you are either right or wrong. I know that Louise exists and is visible to me; but at the same time I have a constant fear that she does not exist, and that I am a prey to an insane delusion. Can you understand how a man can fully believe and fatally doubt at one and the same time?"

"You are an amateur photographer, if I remember rightly," I said. "Now with the help of your camera you can easily prove whether Mademoiselle Louise is real or spectral. Have your camera ready the next time she shows herself, and make a photograph of her. If she is substantial enough to impress a photographic plate. If you find nothing on the plate after developing it, you will be convinced that your spectre has no objective existence. Am I not right?"

"Thank you," said Oswell. "I accept the test. But what will you say if I am able to bring you a photograph of Louise? Would that shake your faith in your theory?"

"There will be time enough to discuss that question when you bring me the photograph," I replied. "I have no fears as to what the result will be. Meanwhile, take your passage for the Antipodes. I'll give you a draught that may be of use to you, though complete cessation from work is the one thing that you need."

I did not see Oswell the next day, and I felt sure that he stayed away because he did not want to admit that the photographic test had proved me to be in the right. However on the day following he burst into my office early in the morning, and I saw from his look that something more than usual had happened.

"Well?" I said. "Sit down and tell me what your spectre thinks of photography. I am afraid that she doesn't approve of it."

"Look at that," said he, handing me an unmounted photograph that was as yet hardly dry.

I looked at it and saw the photograph of a young woman, who, I do not hesitate to say, must have been more beautiful than any woman since Helen of Troy.

"That is Louise," said Oswell "I photographed her yesterday afternoon, and this is the result. Now what do you think of our test?"

"What do I think?" I said "I think, or rather I know, that someone is playing a contemptible practical joke on you. Your spectre is more real than I supposed she was—that is to say, she is just exactly as real as Pepper's ghost. I was right in the first place when I said that I could see no signs of mental derangement about you. We'll unearth the young woman who poses as a ghost in your room, and find out who her confederate is. You needn't quit work after all."

"I know perfectly well how Pepper's ghost is produced," replied Oswell. "It would be an absolute impossibility to produce it in my room. Besides, where in London or elsewhere is the woman who could pose for that photograph? Do you imagine that she could exist without being famous the world over for her beauty?"

I argued with him warmly and at some length, for I was, of course, confident, now that I had seen the photograph, that it was the victim of a trick. But it was impossible to shake his conviction that Louise, as he called her, was the visible projection of his creative thought.

Other patients beginning to arrive, I was forced to dismiss him, and he went away, promising me that in a day or two I should make a thorough inspection of his room.

I went to see him the next afternoon. As he said, it did not seem possible, in view of the situation and furniture of his room, that even the cleverest trickster could have produced, without detection, the figure of the woman whose photograph Oswell had made. I felt myself completely baffled, though I still believed that the apparition was capable of explanation as the work of a practical joker.

As I left him he made a remark which did not strike me particularly at the time, but which I afterwards remembered. He said that Louise had assured him that in the other world they would be always together, and that the sense of her intangibility would not longer trouble him.

For the next three days I was absent from London, having been called away to the North for a consultation. On the morning of my return I was shocked to read in the paper that Oswell had committed suicide.

I went immediately to his rooms and found that the report was true. The coroner's inquest had already been held, and a verdict had been found to the effect that he had committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium—a chemical which he sometimes used in his photographic operations.

Nothing could be found of the book upon which he had been working, but from the presence of ashes in the grate it was plain that he had been burning papers.

I alone knew that he had gone voluntarily to his death in the hope of joining the woman whom he believed his brain had created.

Of the absolute truthfulness of Oswell it is impossible for me to entertain a doubt. I should, of course, believe that his "Louise" was merely the result of a mental hallucination, were it not for the photograph. With that evidence before me, how was it possible for me to doubt that there was some degree of objective reality to the vision? On the other hand, the explanation which he gave of the matter was certainly incredible. I often think of Oswell's remark that he believed and doubted at one and the same time. I believe that "Louise" was born into visibility by the intersection of Oswell's brain, and I believe that this explanation is both incredible and impossible—a circumstance which goes to support my theory that a man can believe with one lobe of his brain something that the other lobe utterly rejects.—*Cassell's.*

MANY COMMON SUPERSTITIONS.

The world is indebted to the folk-lore for the preservation and transmission from remote ages of customs, usages, rules, principles and precedents to an extent of which it is impossible to form an adequate idea. It goes back to the primitive conceptions which have been taken up into the thought of civilized nations and interwoven into their religion and philosophy. There are yet those who believe in unlucky influences of the moon, in unlucky days, such as Friday; in unlucky numbers such as 13. In numbering the state-room doors of first-class steamships and the apartment doors of leading hotels the fateful number 13 is studiously omitted The horse-chestnut, the rabbit's foot and the potato are still carried in the pockets of the credulous. That crescent-shaped protection against evil spirits, the horse shoe, is still nailed over doorways. Charms and amulets and talismans are still worn, the fashionable form to-day being the four-leaved clover. The mascot is not the exclusive possession of the gambler, nor is its antithesis, the voodoo, the inheritance of Creole communities only, while the records of the stage show that actors still have their Jonahs. The witches' cauldron is some-thing more than a fading memory. Dreams and premonitions have not lost their alleged significance. Spectral illusions are still perceptible. Still clings the impression that "coming events cast their shadows before." The horoscope still claims a bearing upon human destiny. The divining rod is still used in search of subterranean springs or metalliferous deposits. St. Swithin is still clerk of the weather for 10 days after July 15. Young people still stand under the mistletoe The asserted contiguity of red-haired girls and white horses is still a popular jest.—*Dr. C. C. Rombaugh, to the Folk-lore Society.*

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FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 8, 1898.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, APRIL 7, 1898.

The vote of the House, 76 to 56, for the bill to reduce by one-half the number of liquor licenses in Boston, must have come with a surprise to all the members,—a pleasant surprise to the men who wish to limit the liquor traffic, and one of just the other sort for the saloon men. This is the first time that a serious effort has been made to pass the bill, and its success shows that the saloons have not got in their work. Doubtless they will do it later and it is not to be expected, really, that the bill will become a law. It provides that Boston shall have only one liquor license to every 1000 of population, just the same as all other cities and towns, instead of one for every 500, as now. When the license limitation act was passed Boston was made an exception on the plausible ground that she is a metropolis, that she has a daily population of about 1,000,000, and that it would be only justice, on the same basis as the other places, to make her nominal number twice as many. But the consideration that seemed to carry the House this time was that, under the law as it is practically enforced, some parts of the city are crowded with saloons, much to their hurt. Licenses are to be distributed nominally something according to population, but the residential districts protest against saloons near their houses. Brighton, which is entitled to 36 saloons, has only six. Dorchester, whose population entitles her to 160, has only five. The saloons which these places would have if the people did not protest are crowded into the poorer parts, for the city, as a whole, is entitled to so many saloons. The point was sound and ably argued. It was put in so convincing a way that it showed the sufficiency of the smaller number for the metropolis, and that it would be better for the people. But when the saloons enter the fight the hill is likely to be killed.

The agricultural interests of the state are faring as well as usual at the hands of the Legislature. The Senate has passed to be engrossed the House bill which makes the gypsy moth appropriation amount to $200,000 in all, or as much as the commissioners asked for. The more this question is debated and the better it is understood, the stronger is it believed that the only way is to exterminate the pest as soon as possible, for it will be economy in the end. The appropriation for the eradication of tuberculosis is reported at $65,000 this week. It is the unanimous opinion of the committee on agriculture that this is enough, and their advice goes far with the members who do not know much about farming and who accept the traditional estimate, as they ought in this case, that the farmers are a class to be trusted. Nothing is said about the new pest, the San Jose scale, which is destroying all sorts of fruit trees in all parts of the state, but Professor A. H. Kirkland of the gypsy moth force, who has studied this matter, says that samples of the insect are being sent in frequently and that it seems to have got a firm hold in the state. Much loss is likely to fall upon the farmers in consequence. The scale takes all kinds of fruit and some other trees. It is so small that the largest specimens are only one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter. They lie fixed on the bark and leaves motionless after the first two or three days of life, and the unfortunate owner may see nothing but a grayish appearance on the tree, which he may think amounts to nothing, but that same grayish stuff will kill a tree in three or four years and will sap its vitality badly in less time. Spraying with whale oil soap will destroy the scale, but if the trees are badly damaged the best way is to destroy them and start new. I speak from unpleasant personal experience, and have profited by Prof. Kirkland's advice and inspection.

The time limit for the taxation committee for reporting upon all matters referred to it is April 11th, next Monday. They hope to have their momentous reports ready by that time. They have appointed a sub-committee to go through the mass of testimony which was taken and get the points in shape for careful consideration. They give no indication of their standing upon the question before them, which are of as much practical consequence to the entire people of the state as any other matters which are before the Legislature this year. But it is to be expected that they will be divided. The opponents of the hills recommended by the special taxation commission still think that a majority of the commission will be on their side, while the Anti-Double Taxation League cannot see why its suggestions should not commend themselves to a majority of the committee.

Only one member of the Legislature has been carried from his moorings by the war fever. Representative Hoyt of Haverhill has sent in his resignation to take effect when the demand comes for men to enlist for the war. There is a disposition to smile at his excitability, and he must not be taken as a sample of the Legislature. Considering the temptation at all times for men to go off at half cock, it is remarkable that some one has not offered a resolution that the United States ought to blow Spain from the face of the earth and take up the fragments as a collection for Cuba. A resolution has been for days in the pocket of a leading member of the House, indorsing the course of President McKinley, but the danger that it would lead to undesirable war talk has prevented him from offering it. On the whole, the feeling seems to tend to peace. The leading members are of that mind, and the course of Spain in removing some causes for war leads members to inquire carefully whether we have ground for armed offensive action.

Last year's act for the protection of certain song birds and useful birds failed to be operative because it applied only to birds killed in this state, and it was impossible, when a case was brought into court, to say whether or not the bird was killed in Massachusetts. So the bill was inoperative. But the House has passed and there seems to be no doubt that it will get to the governor, a bill which amends that act by making it applicable to all these classes of birds, whether killed in this state or not. Hence there will be no doubt about the evidence, for the women do not wish to wear the birds unless they can wear them where they will, of themselves, be sufficient evidence to convict. Exceptions are made of persons who are temporarily in the state. But all of our Massachusetts women will henceforth be forbidden to wear the feathers or bodies of these valuable birds without a penalty. The public sentiment of the state will doubtless support the act, and it is to be hoped that the women who cannot be cruel because the law forbids, will praise the law. It gives them an excuse for defying the thoughtless fashion in other states.

The cotton situation is further complicated by a memorial sent to the House on Wednesday from T. Jefferson Coolidge and other prominent men in cotton manufacturing. They set forth the condition of the business and say that Massachusetts manufacturers cannot compete with the neighboring states unless longer hours of labor are permitted, or unless a reduction is made in the rate of taxation upon the machinery employed in manufacture. Meanwhile the labor committee continues to report measures in favor of the operatives. One of the last bills from that committee was to prevent reductions from the pay of women and minors in manufacturing and mechanical establishments for the stoppage of machinery, if they were confined during the time.

The most important feature of the state house proceedings on Thursday was the hearing before the committee on manufactures, at which Henry M. Whitney's expert told a great many things about the manufacture of gas and coke. He also admitted to Gen. Schaff, one of the gas commissioners, that the cost of the plant on which it is desired to issue $34,000,000 of securities, would be about $3,500,000. The gas commission has prepared a bill to forfeit the cbaracters of the Boston and Brookline gas companies unless they unnul, before December 1 next, their contracts with each other which are so strongly condemned by the gas commissioners.

LANDON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Try my Peanut Butter for your sandwiches.

E. B. Taylor.

PALMER NEWS.

Easter at the Churches.

Next Sunday will be Easter Sunday, and there will be special services at all the churches. Special decorations of flowers will be in order, and extra music appropriate to the occasion will be given. The programmes follow:

BAPTIST.

In the morning the pastor will preach, taking for his subject, "The resurrection story." Special Easter songs will be rendered by the children, with the following programme:

"When earth is young again,"	Schilling
"O resurrection morn,"	Schilling
"Triumphant Zion,"	Schilling
"With the lilies I will praise Him,"	Schilling

In the evening Dr. C. A. Spalding of Boston will preach. There will be a baptismal service, when 15 persons will be baptized.

UNIVERSALIST.

At the Universalist church Sunday morning Rev. O. G. Petrie will preach an Easter sermon, and the choir will render the following special music:

Organ Voluntary—Cantabile,	Lemaigre
"And the angel said unto the woman," Soprano and bass solos, with chorus,	Danks
"Christ our Passover," Alto and bass solos; alto and tenor duett, with chorus.	Hewitt
"If we believe that Jesus died," Soprano solo and chorus.	Simper
Offertory. "O Joyous Easter Morning,"	Schneecker
Tenor and alto solos, with chorus.	
Organ Postlude—Festival March,	Ralf

In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a service by the Sunday school entitled, "The birthday of hope."

CONGREGATIONAL.

The sermon in the morning will be appropriate to the day, and the regular choir, assisted by Miss Royce, Mrs. Rafter and Mr. McGregory, will render the following programme:

Organ voluntary. "The heavens are telling."	Hayden
"Lift up, lift up your voices now," Soprano and bass solos; Miss Royce, Mrs. Rafter, Mr. Wood.	E. Marzo
"Why seek ye the living?" Alto, soprano and tenor solos; Mrs. Flynt, Miss Royce, Mr. Brown.	Trowbridge
"By the thorny way of sorrow," Alto and tenor solos, soprano and tenor duett; Mrs. Flynt, Mr. McGregory, Miss Royce, Mr. McGregory.	Schneeker
"If we believe that Jesus died," Soprano solo, Miss Royce.	Simper
Postlude. "Selection from Rinck."	

In the evening there will be a concert by the Sunday school, the music will be led by a quartette consisting of Mrs. Flynt, Mrs. Rafter, Mr. McGregory and Mr. Wood, and the regular chorus choir will be assisted by an additional chorus of boys and girls.

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC.

The Easter services at this church commenced yesterday, Holy Thursday, with a mass of exposition at 7.30 a. m. This morning at 7.30 the mass of the presanctified was celebrated, and to-morrow there will be high mass at 7.30 and the blessing of the paschal candle. Sunday there will be low mass at 8.30 and high mass at 10.30, with this music:

Vidi Aquam,	Gregoriau
Kyrie,	Peters
Gloria,	Peters
Credo,	Millard
Ave Maria,	Peters
Sanctus,	Peters
Agnus Dei,	

In the evening at 7.30 there will be vespers, with this programme:

Domine,	Selle
Dixit Dominus,	Selle
Confitebor,	Fiske
Beatus Vir,	Selle
Laudate Pueri,	Selle
Laudate Dominum,	Gregoriau
Magnificat,	A. Verner
Regina Coeli,	Donaneau
O Salutaris,	Selected
Tantum Ergo,	

Electric Company's New Plant.

The plans are completed for the new plant of the Central Massachusetts Electric Company, to be built on the site of the building burned three weeks ago. It will be built of brick, as nearly fire-proof as can be, and will be rushed to completion as fast as possible. A brick wall six feet high will be built on top of the present stone wall which holds the highway in place, and a flat sloping roof will extend from this to the rear wall of the structure. This will give a main room 46 by 80 feet, without a post in it, as the roof will be supported by trusses, and when equipped will be one of the finest electric plants in the state outside the cities. On the highway side a tower 10 feet square inside will rise to a height of 16 feet, and all the wires running into the plant will enter by this tower. Power will be furnished by two sets of water wheels, two in each set, and by a 500-horse power engine made by the Slater Engine Co. of Warren. These will be so arranged that either of the sets of wheels or the engine may be used separately, or any combination of the three made. From the main building will run covered passageways to the two wheel houses at the rear. It is expected that work will begin on the new structure in a few days.

Electric Cars May Cross at Grade.

An order has been issued by the state railroad commission, by which the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company is authorized to cross the track of the Ware River branch of the Boston and Albany railroad near Four Corners, at grade. The regulations, however, are very strict. The street railway company is to maintain a man at the crossing who shall have charge of the electrical construction overhead, warn passing cars of the approach of trains, and no car is to cross excepting under his direction. The right to cross at grade is to cease after five years from date.

Mrs. John Blanchard is visiting friends in Boston.

Harry Giffin has been visiting friends in Boston this week.

Mrs. C. A. Atwood has taken a position in the depot restaurant.

Mrs. E. T. Prindle and son Eddie are visiting friends in Boston.

John H. Gamwell returned from his Washington trip yesterday.

Mrs. G. A. Rice and children are visiting relatives in Lowell.

The notices of the applications for licenses will be found in another column.

Fred Alarie has opened a barber shop in Holden's block on Central street.

Mrs. C. P. Reed has been visiting friends in Lynn and Salem the past week.

Mrs. W. P. Webster and daughter, Ella, are visiting relatives in Springfield.

W. H. Hellyar of Boston was the guest of his brother, S. H. Hellyar, yesterday.

Harold Brainerd of the Fairfield Military Academy is home for a short vacation.

H. L. Ross of Springfield will preach in the Advent chapel next Sunday morning.

Supt. of Schools and Mrs. A. C. Thompson are spending the vacation in Rutland, Vt.

Mrs. Herbert Hanks of Ware has been the guest of Mrs. Emily Holdsworth this week.

The Elks defeated the Eagles in a game of baseball yesterday afternoon. Score 15 to 10

Representative Kenefick presided over yesterday's afternoon session of the House.

Dr. William Holbrook has been entertaining his sister from Springfield the past week.

Miss Flora Studley of Springfield was the guest of Miss Carrie Fish a few days this week.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will hold a business meeting next Tuesday evening.

Night Police Officer T. J. Conroy has resigned his position with the Palmer Carpet Company.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Hubbard Lawrence next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A quilting party was held by the Dorcas Society of the Universalist church Wednesday afternoon.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the Congregational parish in the church vestry this evening.

The poles for the electric light and telephone wires have been set on the west side of Thorndike street.

Mrs. Norman Hunt of Springfield has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Merriam, this week.

Daniel Dillon has left the store of E. A. Buck & Co., where he has been employed for some time as a clerk.

There will be a regular meeting of L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., in Memorial Hall next Wednesday evening

Alexander Sanford has moved from Pleasant street into a tenement of A. L. Hills's on Foster avenue.

There will be a special meeting of C. W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, in Memorial Hall next Monday evening.

The L of J. F. Holbrook's house on Main street has been raised to two stories, C. N. Ellithorpe doing the work.

Edmund Forte, manager of C. Hitchcock & Co's. store, has moved his family into the Loomis house on Park street.

The music at the Congregational church for the ensuing year is to be under the direction of Mrs. Rufus Flynt.

Mrs Stratton, manager of the depot restaurant, has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Angie Hunt of Springfield, this week.

The committees of the Men's Sunday Evening Club of the Congregational church have been re-appointed for another quarter.

Telephones have been put in for the Central Mass. Electric Co. at Blanchardville, Holden & Fuller's and C. F. Grosvenor's mills.

Dr. L. H. Hendee and H. E Siske attended a meeting of the Eastern Hampden Medical Association in Springfield yesterday afternoon.

A. J. Adams won the gold watch offered last week to the person making the highest score at the shooting gallery on Central street.

The drinking fountain fund of the W. C. T. U. has been augmented $5 by a contribution from Mrs. M. H. Warren of Hampden, formerly of Palmer.

The overseers of the poor have appointed Dr. L. H. Hendee town physician for the ensuing year. G. W. Lent has been appointed warden of the town farm.

The selectmen held their regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon and transacted the usual business. G. H. Justiu was appointed a special police officer.

There will be a service in observance of Good Friday in the Universalist church this evening. The pastor will give a talk upon "The seven words from the cross."

The English sparrow believes in being up and doing; a young bird, only a few days old, was found on the sidewalk in front of the bank block on Monday morning.

The arc street lights were turned on again Monday evening, that being the first time they had been needed since the machine was ready to run them, nearly a week ago.

F. O. Royce of the C. V. freight house was unable to attend to his duties the first of the week on account of illness, and his place was taken by his brother, C. A. Royce.

Miss Mae McDonald is showing a handsome display of millinery goods in the Commercial Block rooms, upstairs. Miss McDonald will be in Palmer until the 12th.

Mrs. Margaret B. Schneider, mother of Dr. J. P. Schneider, died at her home in Westfield last Friday evening. The doctor's many friends sympathize with him in his loss.

Frank Linnehan of Warren has hired the agricultural park for the 19th, and has under way arrangements for a ball game to be played on that date between two strong clubs.

Another proposed site for the car barn of the electric road is on the east side of Thorndike street, north of the marble shop, but it is understood that residents also object to that locality.

H. T. Huntington, the painter, has opened a paint shop in the old Campbell building on South Main street, and is to do carriage and sign painting in connection with his house painting business.

W. F. Miller of Ludlow, formerly director of music at the Congregational church, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now convalescent and his complete recovery is looked for.

E. T. Cadwell of Hartford has been engaged by the electric railway company to have charge of its car barn, and has engaged the upper tenement in A. E. Park's house on the corner of Squier and Pine streets.

Letters for the following persons are advertised at the post office: Theodor Emond, George E. Ely, John Fitzgerald, Patrick Gilson, Louis Saudol or Pandol, Leslie P. Strong, agent for Prudential Insurance Co.

The civil case of George W. Johnson of Brookfield vs. George W. Ely and Harriet N. Josselyn of Palmer for $1748.49, the amount of a judgment recovered in the superior court, has been entered at Springfield.

At the Universalist church last Sunday Rev. O. G. Petrie preached an interesting sermon appropriate to Palm Sunday. The rendition of the hass solo, "The Palms," by Ralph LeGro, was a very pleasing feature of the service.

A business directory of this village has been published by W. F. Waite, and has been distributed among the places of business. Blotters with the directory upon them have been placed in the post office for the use of the public.

Mrs. Eva Rose York, who has been stopping for some time with her brother, A. E. Fitch, left yesterday for Boston, where she will engage in Salvation Army work. She has been given a captaincy, and will be stationed at Taunton.

Deacons W. A. Breckeuridge and J. B. Shaw, and H. P. Holden have been appointed a committee by the Congregational church and parish to secure candidates for a pastor to fill the vacancy to be caused by Rev. F. E. Jenkins's removal to Atlanta in the fall.

The New England Guards Band of the Salvation Army, which was in town several weeks ago, led the grand parade in Boston last evening in honor of the arrival of Gen. Booth. Staff Captain Wood, who was in charge of the band while it was here, was chief marshal of the parade.

The colt owned by A. J. Northrop which ran away on Monday of last week, breaking its leg, and was purchased by Dr. Ellery with the view of setting the bone and making it as good as ever, was shot Tuesday, it having been found that nothing could be done for the unfortunate animal.

The Palmer Water Co. has been at work this week changing the location of its shutoffs on the lower end of Thorndike street, necessitated by the putting in of the electric car tracks on that street. The fire hydrant at the corner of Thorndike and Park streets has had to be moved back several feet.

The farce, "That Box of Cigarettes," was presented in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps. There was quite a good attendance considering the stormy weather, who were well pleased with the presentation of the farce. A social time followed, with refreshments and dancing.

D. L. Bodfish, the dry goods merchant, is to have a grand spring opening to-morrow at his Main street store, to which all are welcome. Each customer will be presented with a souvenir spoon, with an engraving of the battleship Maine on the bowl. From 2 until 9 p. m. refreshments will be served in the carpet room on the second floor.

The case of Mrs. Cornelia H. M. Blanchard vs. the Boston and Albany railroad was entered for trial in the superior court at Springfield Monday. Mrs. Blanchard sues the company for $1000, alleging that sparks from a locomotive, owned by them, fell upon her lot, causing the grass to ignite, and that the flames damaged her property greatly.

The first ball game of the season was played last Saturday between the Greyhounds and Vale Avennes. The feature of the game was the heavy batting of both teams, the score being high on both sides. It was closely contested, but the big leaps of the former team could not be overcome by the latter, and the Greyhounds were victorious by the score 30 to 26.

The third lecture in the course under the auspices of the Woman's Tuesday Club was given at the residence of Mrs. E. P. Ball Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Marble. The next and last lecture of the course will be given the 23d, at the residence of Mrs. E. G. Hastings. Miss Linda Hawley Brigham will be the lecturer, and her subject "Life of Goethe, with dramatic readings from Egmont."

Agent Anderson of the long-named society was in town yesterday and visited Mrs. Cornelia H. M. Blanchard's farm, to investigate concerning the cow which she is alleged to be keeping with a broken leg. He requested Mrs. Blanchard to appear in court this morning, and she came. She pleaded not guilty to the charge of cruelty to animals, and her case was continued until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

C. W. Cress camp, Sons of Veterans, will hold a camp fire in Memorial Hall next Thursday evening. Invitations have been sent to the local G. A. R. post and W. R. C., the Monson post and relief corps, and the camps in the surrounding towns. Friends of the organizations in Palmer are also invited. Col. L. C. Couch, commander of the Massachusetts division, will be present.

Two cases are down for trial at to-merrow's session of the district court, one criminal and the other civil. The criminal case is the Wales snowball ass ult case, which was to have been heard Monday but was postponed on account of town meeting being held in that place. This case has many interesting features, and there will probably be a large attendance. The civil case to be tried is that of Korff vs. Fillmore for trespass.

The Standard Oil Company, which petitioned last July for permission to locate a tank for the storage of refined petroleum on land between the B. and A. and N. L. N. railroads, just west of their point of crossing, and was refused, has again petitioned for permission to locate a tank on land of Charles Burns on Water street, and permission to lay a 2½ inch pipe from the tracks of the N. L. N. road to said tank.

The annual meeting of the fire district will be held next Tuesday afternoon in the court room. The firemen have nominated a ticket with Chief Bills at the head, and Charles McManamy as second assistant in the place of A. E. Fitch, who will head another ticket. But little is heard regarding the meeting, except an expression by many of the business men and property owners that there should be a change of some sort in the working of the department.

We had our March mixed with April, and we are now taking our April mixed with March. These gentle April winds which are supposed to be warm with the breath of approaching spring have not manifested themselves nor have the showers which bring forth early flowers. But instead cold and piercing winds have blown and snow storms have been in order. On Tuesday from four to five inches of snow fell, though it melted rapidly. The cold weather, too, has not benefited the trees and shrubs, many of which were budding.

Business was especially brisk at Hotel D'Allen last Saturday evening, and the genial landlord was kept busily engaged booking the numerous guests. Twenty-two were registered and assigned sleeping apartments upon the second floor, under and upon the benches, and over each other. This number equals the largest put up for many years. The quarters are not quite adapted for the accommodation of so many, but they all came out alive Sunday morning and went on their various ways. Hitherto they have paid for their lodging by breaking stone in the rear of the bakery store, but now they perform their payment in the rear of the bank block.

An entertainment for the benefit of the athletic association of the Palmer high school will be held in Memorial Hall next Tuesday evening. The following programme will be rendered:

Piano Duett,	Misses Ruth Fiske and Theresa Newman
Recitation,	Miss Elizabeth Heuighan
Violin Solo,	Miss Bessie Alexander
Piano Solo,	Miss May Wilder
Recitation,	Miss Kittie Rock
Vocal Duett,	Misses Moulton and Todd
Flute Solo,	A. D. Shaw
Recitation,	Miss Blanche Hellyar
Piano Trio,	Misses May and Ruth Fiske and May Wilder.

The purpose of the entertainment is a worthy one, and it should be largely attended. After the entertainment there will be dancing.

There are two Palmer youngsters, a girl of 9 and a boy of 6, who were imbnded with the spirit of the Salvation Army during its recent visit. They were allowed to attend one of the afternoon meetings and were very much interested, as of course they were with the music of the hand and the street parade. A day or two after their mother noticed that while at play they were having a "parade," but paid little attention to the matter until she happened to pass the door of their playroom and noticed that a "meeting" was in progress. She stopped just outside the door and heard the girl give this testimony: "My father died a drunkard, and my mother died a drunkard, and I *almost* died a drunkard," —"Glory to God! Glory to God!" broke in the boy, and the mother concluded that it was time for that meeting to come to an end.

The firm of Perkins & Hatch of Springfield, the junior member of which is a former Palmer resident, has moved into new and large quarters on the corner of Lyman and Dwight streets. This firm is well known as fruit wholesalers, and does an extensive business. During the coming season they will handle 2000 to 3000 bunches of bananas per week. During the past winter they have handled 41 carloads of California oranges, and when the strawberry season opens they will handle from one to three carloads a day. Mr. Hatch formerly conducted a fish, oyster and fruit business in Palmer, starting in with $5 capital. He built up a good business and about seven years ago sold out and went to Springfield to associate with Mr. Perkins. His many friends in Palmer are glad to note his business career in Springfield.

About Our Fire Department.

Editor Journal:—I notice by the papers that the fireman have prepared a ticket for the annual election of the fire district next Tuesday. Our fire department is of great importance to our town, and ought to be composed of men of good judgment and who live near enough the engine house to be able in case of fire, to give immediate assistance. I do not think the chief or assistants ought to be elected for the honor of the position, but for the service they would render in case of fire. It is generally understood that one of the assistants nominated by the firemen does not care whether he is elected or not, and is out of town nearly every day. The other and new man lives nearly a third of a mile from the engine house and works at the carpet mill. Does not that leave our department in a weak and crippled condition? It may be hard to secure three engineers who will all be ready at a moment's notice, but it does seem as though one or more should be in town and ready to take command when needed. Chief Bills is out of town two or three days each week. With the ticket which the firemen have named elected it would be necessary, under ordiuary conditions, when he is away and an alarm is rung in to telephone to the carpet mill and notify the only assistant in town, that he is wanted. It has been suggested that unless a change for the better is made in the fire department, the underwriters may take a hand and raise the present insurance rates. I think the voters should think well on this subject and make our department one of the best.

A VOTER.

As It Appears to Others.

Palmer was, until her recent town-meeting, to be congratulated on the possession of her Young Men's Library Association, which has for about 20 years maintained a vigorous life and developed for that town the same sort of benefit which Springfield enjoys from her library association. The books—there are now some 5000 of them—are housed in the Memorial building erected by the town for the use of the Grand Army and the library association, and the land on which this building stands, worth $3000, was given by friends of the library association. This library has been nursed for these score of years, contributions amounting to several thousand dollars having been given by citizens at various times for various purposes, and best of all, it has had the unpaid labors of those who have wanted Palmer to possess such a collection of books as her people ought to have access to. Self-sacrifice and public spirit have been called out in behalf of the library association. It has served the whole town and done it by modern methods. For example, catalogues have been placed at the offices of the mills in the various villages, whose agents have transported books regularly for all in their employ who wished them. The cost of running the library has been kept at an astonishingly low figure, and the town has voted year after year a small appropriation—just as this city helps theirs—to promote the good work of the library association.

But at her recent town-meeting Palmer, by a vote of 88 to 79, voted that she must have a town library. It was admitted that no better service, if as good, would result from the town's owning the library, and that the cost of operating it would be much increased. Evidently, then, this blow at the library association was not based on sound public grounds. It further appears that the thoughtful citizens and responsible property owners were but slimly represented on the side of the majority vote. We certainly should not expect to see them there. Palmer may well take a leaf out of Springfield's experiences. Our great library has been developed by an association of citizens until it has become the pride of the city and contributes nobly to the work of the schools and to the general popular education in manifold ways. The recent vote of Palmer ought to be overridden at the very next meeting of the town, all the more because it run so heavily on sectarian lines. That was zeal misdirected and bound to be the parent of a brood of evils. If there has been any lack of breadth and tolerance in the library association, let that be remedied as a first step toward giving the Young Men's Library Association the generous help of the town and a broader mission of usefulness. It strikes us that sensible adherents of the Roman Catholic faith will not permit any one to permanently array them on the wrong side of such a matter as this, and the next test made will undoubtedly reverse the action taken at the recent town-meeting. It is never good policy for a town to reward public spirit by despoiling it. This is a proposition that argues itself. Let Palmer apply it.—*Editorial in Springfield Sunday Republican, April 3d.*

New Books in the Public Library.

The following new books have gone into circulation at the public library recently, and readers will do well to preserve this list for future reference:

Sm515	Arabella and Araminta stories. Gertrude	Smith,
B465a	Armorel of Lyonesse.	Besant
K58a	Army wife.	King
B465b	Beyond the dreams of avariee.	Besant
F78b	Boss and other dogs.	Pool
Ox4	Boy tramps.	Oxley
H785	Camp and trail.	Hornibrook
K5ecap	Captain Close.	King
K45	Captain Shannon	Kernahan
R52c	Captain Shays.	Rivers
K62c	Captains courageous.	Kipling
M515	Cherry and Violet.	Manning
A15c	Choir invisible.	Allen
K58c0c	Colonel's Christmas dinner.	King
H795c	Colonial tree lance.	Hotchkiss
Sm541	Day at Laguerre's.	Smith, F. H
W75	Diomed.	Wise
D293	Elephant's track and other stories.	Davis, M. E. M
B41e	Equality.	Bellamy
I84	Fast mail.	Drysdale
I267	Federal judge.	Lush
R541	Forge in the forest.	Roberts
D20f	Francis Waldeaux.	Davis, Rebecca Harding
H39ff	Friends though divided.	Henty
K58g	General's double.	King
H23	Hilda Stratford.	Harraden
D91h	His honour and a lady.	Duncan
I-73	Honorable Peter Stirling.	Ford
M688	Hugh Wynne. 2v.	Mitchell
I61	In buff and blue.	Rodney
M78ih	In Buncombe county.	Pool
M554	In Kedar's tents.	Merriman
S294	In Shumkinsville.	Stuart
M78in	In the first person.	Pool
H39it	In times of peril.	Henty
S06	Inheritance, An.	Spofford
W65je	Jerome, a poor man.	Wilkins
T21j	John Godfrey's fortunes.	Taylor
M225k	Kate Carnegie.	Maclaren
S55k	King Noanett.	Stimson
Se57h	Lady Betty Stair.	Seawell
K77l	Land of the kangaroo.	Knox
K26	Last recruit of Clare's.	Keightley
C87l	Lilac sunbonnet.	Crockett
R255	Lo-To-Kah.	Reed, V. Z
F898	Lucky number.	Friedman
L95	Make believe.	Lowry
H39m	March on London.	Henty
I945	Meadow-grass.	Brown, A
R135	Mifanwy.	Ralne
I935m	Miss Archer Archer.	Burnham
I935mb	Miss Bagg's secretary.	Burnham
I72	Mountain woman.	Peattie
I935ne	Next door.	Burnham
I935n	"No gentleman."	Burnham
M736	Oriel window.	Molesworth
I39on	Out on the Pampas.	Henty
M92p	Painted desert.	Munroe
Sil4ph	Phronsie Pepper.	Sidney
H75ph	Pluroso.	Hope
C89pl	Pietro Ghisleri.	Crawford
I22p	Pomp of the Lavilettes.	Parker
T75pr	Prize cup.	Trowbridge
B22p	Pursuit of the house-boat.	Bangs
D263	Robinson Crusoe.	Defoe
I22r	Romany of the snows.	Parker
P16	Saint Eva.	Pain
M418	Sign of the Wooden Shoon.	Mather
D258	Soldiers of fortune.	Davis, Richard Harding
K58s	Soldier's secret.	King
St9s	Sonny.	Stuart
C88s	Spirit of an Illinois town.	Catherwood
T21s	Story of Kennett.	Taylor
C365	Story of the Rhinegold.	Chapin
St6st	Story-tellers pack.	Stockton
T22	Teddy's button.	
F24t	Three houses.	Farrar, F. W
I91t	Tomalyn's quest.	Burgin
Sel7	Trooper Peter Halket.	Schreiner
El5	Uncrowning a king.	Ellis
L63	Unwilling maid.	Lincoln
Se15v	Virginia cavalier.	Seawell
T38	Walter Gibbs, the young boss.	Thomson
R38w	Wampum belt.	Butterworth
K58wa	Warlings peril.	King
T59w	Washington's young aids.	Tomlinson
H39w	With Frederick the Great.	Henty
H39wm	With Moore at Corunna.	Henty
H39yo	Young buglers.	Henty
H39y	Young Franc-tireurs.	Henty
C37y	Young game warden.	Castlemen

THREE RIVERS.

The arc electric light service was resumed on Monday evening.

Philip Story spent Sunday at the home of his sister in Springfield.

George Perry has obtained a position as teamster for Franklin Barker.

Miss Mary Hutchins of Boston is stopping with her cousin, Mrs. G. S. Butler.

Miss Nellie Shewbells of Springfield has accepted a position with Mrs. J. W. Cheney.

Rev. Arthur Titcomb of Springfield occupied the pulpit of the Union church on Sunday.

There was a meeting of the W. C. T. U. in the rooms of the Palmer Mill office this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Three new members were enrolled.

A union service will be held in the Union church next Sunday evening, addressed by William Shaw of Boston, treasurer of the united C. E. societies.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday morning by Rev. C. H. Spaulding, D. D., of Bostou. Communion at the close of the service.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs James Weir died on Tuesday. The funeral was held on Wednesday, burial being at West Warren, their former home.

Business is booming at the Palmer Mill. Over a million yards of cloth were shipped during the month of March, and only five hundred cases were left in the stock house at the end of the month. This is the best record since the mill started in 1878.

BONDSVILLE.

Miss Edith Childs has been visiting her grandparents in Lowell this week.

The King's Daughters met at the home of Miss Ora Parent Monday evening.

Leon Parker of Springfield visited his cousin, Henry Talmadge, over Sunday.

Mrs. Mary H. Hanson of New Salem is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. P. Knowlton.

The Misses Hamilton of Ware were the guests of Mrs. Edwin Sharratt over Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Freeman of Boston has accepted a position as bookkeeper for O. A. Parent.

Miss Helen Armstrong of Littleton, N. H., has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Armstrong.

There will be no preaching services at the M. E. church Sunday morning or evening, as it will be conference Sunday.

Miss Ora Parent leaves to-day for East Orleans, where she has secured a school and will commence teaching Monday.

The remains of Garfield Carey, which were brought from Boston last Friday, were interred in the Three Rivers cemetery last Saturday morning.

Miss Genevieve VanTassell celebrated her sixth birthday Monday by giving a party to her companions. About twenty little ones were present and enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Rev. R. E. Smith is attending the conference of the New England Methodists at Worcester this week. It is not certain where Mr. Smith will be for the coming year, but he expects to be appointed to a church in the Boston district. He has been in Bondsville but two years.

Chester B. Canterbury of Springfield died at his home in that city last Friday night. He was a brother of Mrs. Sarah Adams and of the late Henry Canterbury of this place. He was a carpenter by trade, and the first part of his life was spent in this section, but for the past thirty years or so he has made his home in Springfield.

THORNDIKE.

D. F. Sullivan of Millbury spent Sunday in town.

Miss K. M. Fleming held her millinery opening on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The services at the Catholic church on Easter Sunday will be at 8 and 11 o'clock a. m.

P. Connor of Worcester has been the guest of John Wagner for several days this week.

Augustus Fusdall and daughter, Mrs. Bolan, of Hampden, were visiting here the past week.

Work on the new bridge which is to be erected near the Dutton place, has commenced this week.

Mrs. John Scott and children of Springfield are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Whiting.

Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan of Hartford, formerly of this place, visited in town for several days last week.

The hall in Exchange Block is being fitted up for a tenement, and it is said the same will be occupied by Dr. Giguere.

Michael Murphy is at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he will have an operation performed on his eyes.

Jeremiah Sugrue left here this week for Danbury, Ct., where he is to play the season with the Danbury club of the Connecticut state league.

Bennie Vignault and Miss Ora Chabbott, both well-known young people of the village, will be married on Monday at St. Anne's church, Three Rivers.

Miss Lillie Nagle, who met with an accident one day last week by putting a curling iron into one of her eyes, has recovered from the same without serious results.

A Lexington ball will be held at Union Hall Monday evening by Ware parties. Clark & Dean's orchestra will furnish music, and Charles Martin will prompt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keating have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their two-years-old daughter Irene, the past week, she having been ill only a few days.

Easter services were held in St. Mary's church on Monday evening. Tuesday morning masses were celebrated at 5 and 8 o'clock, the following visiting clergymen being present: Rev. Frs. Leary, Sheehan and Meehun of Ware, Donoghue of Palmer, Griffin of Springfield.

The prospects for a ball team in Thorndike this season have so far been rather dull, but as the season advances it is thought interest will show itself as in former years, and a good team be organized. There is good material left in town, and there seems to be no good reason why a team could not be run successfully.

The Thorndike Co. is putting in a double engine at the No. 1 mill. The engine is 600 horse power, made by the Slater Co of Warren. A large gang of workmen has been employed on the same night and day for the past week. The company is also putting in several new Lowell looms, and will also build an addition to the dye house at the No. 2 mill.

The prospect of war with Spain has been the topic of conversation in the club rooms and places of business during the past week, and several have expressed a willingness to shoulder a gun in defense of their country should the government call for volunteers. It is also said that a local physician has written Gov. Wolcott, tendering his services should there be war, and has in return received a letter from the Governor thanking him for his kindness.

The Proof of the Pudding, Etc.

In response to repeated calls, we have placed in stock, Electric Lustre Starch, in Blue Packages. This starch works easier, quicker, and better than ordinary kinds, and possesses qualities claimed for no other starch. That all our customers and every housekeeper in Palmer may test its merits, we shall give a sample to everyone who calls at our store this week and next.

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When Sir Walter Raleigh, a famous English knight, once visited America he learned to smoke. History does not tell whether he used cut plug or chewing tobacco, Battle Axe or Old Honesty, but he liked the weed so well that he took a quantity back to England and introduced it among his fellowmen. Since that time many men have done just what Sir Walter did,—they have learned to smoke and to use tobacco. And now, travel where you will over this wide, wide world, you will see tobacco in various forms for sale and the people of the different nations using it. Brands almost without number are made, and each finds favor with particular persons. It is quite amusing to notice the tastes of different people as to the t

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 8, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

The Officers Elected and Business Transacted. No License Again.

The annual town meeting was held Monday. A "hot time" was predicted, and sensations were promised. There were 658 votes cast, but everything passed off quietly, with few changes in the list of officers from those of last year.

The polls opened at 9 a. m. and A. D. Norcross was chosen moderator by a small majority over John Cuddihy. A. F. Johnson had charge of the ballot box and H. M. Smith of the check list. Under

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town officers,

these officers were chosen: Lumber surveyors, A. H. Danforth and J. N. Graves; measurers of wood and bark, Harrison Howe, George Wills, R. H. Cushman and S. S. Closson; sealer of weights and measures, John Leahy; field drivers, S. S. Closson, Sherman Stebbins, J. C. Maguire. The reports of the various town officers were accepted, and it was voted to accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, with the exception of two or three who wished their names withdrawn. Under

ART. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of Intoxicating liquors, and appoint a committee to prosecute such illegal sale,

it was voted to leave the prosecution to the incoming board of selectmen. Horace Squier moved that the sum of $400 be appropriated for the suppression of illegal sales, but the motion was lost; $300 was then voted upon and this motion was overruled. Rev. F. S. Hatch moved that $200, and finally $100 be appropriated, but a majority of the voters would not assent. Mr. Closson and Rev. A. F. Nichols then spoke in favor of leaving the entire matter with the selectmen, the latter saying that these officials would violate their oath of office if they did not suppress any and every sort of crime committed. No vote was taken.

ART. 7. To determine what use shall be made of the dog money received from the County Treasurer the ensuing year,

was disposed of by appropriating the money toward the teachers' salaries.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to grade State street from Washington street to Pearl street, build a sidewalk thereon, and raise and appropriate money for the same,

was, at the request of Postmaster J. P. Herlihy, Jr., then taken up. At his suggestion it was voted that the moderator should appoint a committee to look into the matter; committee, L. C. Flynt, R. P. Cushman, W. H. Gifford. In regard to

ART. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town the ensuing year,

Dr. Fuller spoke in favor of leaving the appropriations to a committee for consideration, its report to be presented at an adjourned meeting, saying that this was done last year in accordance with the wishes of R. M. Reynolds. He felt that in the face of the town's prospects for the ensuing year money should be spent with great care. Mr. Closson did not favor having an adjourned meeting, thinking that one day in the year should be set apart for such work, but not more than one. Rev. F. S. Hatch felt that there should be no secrecy in regard to the committee's recommendations up to the moment when they were to be sprung upon the meeting, and wished to amend the motion to the extent that the recommendations should be printed in the Palmer JOURNAL and Monson *Register* the week before the meeting, and this was carried, covering articles 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will instruct its Assessors to publish a report of the valuation and taxes for the ensuing year.

Voted to publish 800 copies.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the present system of lights that are now in use in Memorial Town Hall, subject to the approval of the Town, and raise and appropriate money for the same,

was taken up, and Prof. A. N. Burke, at the request of the selectmen, gave full information in regard to the matter. He was followed by a representative of the company which put in the improved system. The lights can be run at about half the former expense, and are much better. It was voted to expend the $250 necessary to keep them.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift from the Park Avenue Association a certain plot of land on the north side of Park Avenue, known as the Park, and its adjacent avennes, the conditions of said gift being that no building be placed upon the land.

Accepted.

ART. 28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to furnishing water for street sprinkling,

caused considerable discussion. E. J. Fosket, who owns the sprinkler, desired the town to give him the water for which he now gives $60, explaining that his receipts gave him little profit for his season's work. Water Commissioner Norcross argued that one person should not be favored more than another, and such a precedent as this would be a dangerous one to establish; that little enough is now coming in in the way of rentals. The request of Mr. Fosket was not granted.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to straighten Margaret and Granite streets at the intersection of Thompson street.

J. C. Maguire and S. S. Closson sparred somewhat over this matter and it was finally passed over, as was also

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to remove stone walls side of highways where they cause the snow to drift.

A discount of 5 per cent will be allowed on taxes paid on or before August 1st; no discount on those paid between that date and Jan. 1, and interest at 6 per cent on taxes paid after the latter date. The salary of the tax collector will be $225 if he has not over $800 uncollected March 1st, 1899; otherwise $175.

The vote in detail follows, a star (*) indicating election, and a double star reélection:

TOWN CLERK.

**C. M. Gage,	542	

TOWN TREASURER.

*T. L. Cushman,	524	

SELECTMEN.

**O. C. McCray,	390 John Leahy,	343
*G. H. Foskit,	387 Lyman Miller,	229
*H. D. Moulton,	385	

ASSESSORS.

**W. L. Ricketts,	372 William Sutcliffe,	233
**Harrison Howe,	338 Omer Pease,	183
**C. C. Keep.	332 Lyman Miller,	259

ROAD COMMISSIONER.

*H. D. Moulton,	346 A. D. Norcross,	268

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, THREE YEARS.

**M. F. Moore,	374 A. D. Coleman,	285
**A. M. Beebe.	360	

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, THREE YEARS.

*G. E. Tucker,	285 G. H. Foskit,	236

WATER COMMISSIONER, THREE YEARS.

**A. D. Norcross,	277	

TAX COLLECTOR.

**Ralph Clifford,	412 E. S. Howlett,	199

CONSTABLES

**J. H. Thompson,	406	**D. D. Maney,	348
**Eugene Howlett,	413	H. D. Osborne,	301
**T. J. Sault,	417	O. P. Holdridge,	278
*H. M. Bacon,	376		

AUDITORS.

*R. P. Cushman,	346	C. L. Peck,	245
*F. E. Morris.	284	F. L. Bliss, 2d,	214

FENCE VIEWERS.

**Lee Blanchard,	358	Horace Bumstead,	264
*Lester Howe,	300	J. B. Tupper,	199
**H. A. Rindge,	271	M. D. Maloney,	187

LICENSE.

**No,	328	Yes,	260

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MONSON.

SUICIDE OF R. M. REYNOLDS.

Shoots Himself Through the Head, Probably While Temporarily Insane.

Rice Munn Reynolds, one of Monson's most prominent business men, took his own life by shooting Sunday afternoon. Death was without doubt instantaneous, the bullet entering the right temple. The act is thought to have been committed about 1 o'clock, although it was not known until 2.10, when the coachman, Peter J. Ward, entered Mr. Reynolds's bedroom and saw his body lying upon the floor with the revolver beside it. Appearances indicated that Mr. Reynolds stood before the mirror when he fired the shot. The revolver was a 22-calibre, and one which for years had lain in the drawer of Mr. Reynolds's office desk until the robberies in the village a year or more ago. Immediately after the discovery of the deed his physican, Dr. C. W. Jackson, was summoned, also the family friends and Medical Examiner Holbrook of Palmer.

Mr. Reynolds was one of Monson's best known business men, and his death is a sad blow not only to his personal friends, but to the community. His keen mind showed business ability and wonderful will-power, which together with his wealth made him a dominant factor in all matters in which he was interested. Mr. Reynolds's social qualities made him extremely popular as a young man, but in recent years he had not identified himself with society to any extent, spending his evenings in his own home. In politics he was a Republican, and prominent in both town and state. He was for two terms in the Legislature, and has served in various town offices.

Rice Munn Reynolds, son of Joseph L. and Oral (Munn) Reynolds, was born in Monson December 18th, 1838. He received his education at the public schools and Monson Academy, and at the age of 16 went to work, being employed for several years by William Converse in the Hampden Company's store. In 1860 he went into the woolen business with his father and brother Theodore. Upon the death of Joseph L. the sons succeeded to the business under the firm name of R. M. & Theodore Reynolds. The mills, two in number, are located in South Monson; the North or "Old" mill was erected in 1814, and was formerly a cotton mill; in 1846 it was enlarged and changed over for the manufacture of woolen, and since then has been enlarged several times and new machinery added. The "New" mill occupies the site of a mill built by Joseph L. in 1839, and burned in 1868. The flood of 1869 did much damage at these mills, and it will be remembered that the beautiful yard north of R. M. Reynolds's residence was submerged at that time and the water has never receded. In 1880 Mr. Reynolds and the late Alvin A. Gage formed a partnership for the manufacture of straw goods, also at South Monson. The business was successfully carried on by them for 11 years, when Mr. Gage retired, his place in the firm being taken by W. A. Miller of New York, who remained two years, since which time Mr. Reynolds has conducted the business with a superintendent.

Mr. Reynolds was a prime mover in town improvements. More than twenty years ago a system of water works was talked of and a company formed of which he was a member. In 1893 when the matter came up in real earnest he was for it heart and hand, and his speech before the special town meeting called to consider the matter will not soon be forgotten by those who heard it, and the voters acted promptly in favor of his motion. The system was completed a year later at a cost of $65 000. Memorial Town Hall was in part a gift to the town from the Reynolds family. It was dedicated in October, 1885, and cost $42 000; of this sum $17,000 was contributed by this family, including the ground, the property of R. M. Reynolds. Although a member of no church he contributed generously to the support of the Gospel, and attended the Universalist church. He was fond of flowers, particularly those of brilliant colorings, red being the favorite. He loved animals, owning several valuable horses; and his dogs and his cats were privileged to occupy cosy corners in the house. He was president of the Monson National Bank, vice president of the Monson Savings Bank, and a member of Day Spring lodge of Masons.

Mr. Reynolds was thrice married, Miss Mary Shaw of Monson being the wife of his youth. After her death he married Miss Lizzie Merrick of Monson, and his third wife was Mrs. Angenette Snow, who died nine years ago. Mr. Reynolds's brother Theodore survives him.

The funeral service was at Mr. Reynolds's late home at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The casket rested in the south parlor amid a profusion of beautiful flowers, these silent tokens expressing the esteem in which the deceased was held. Among them was a broken column composed of white blossoms, from those employed in the woolen mills. From 1 to 1.40 a large number of people who had been life-long friends of Mr. Reynolds passed the casket to look once more upon his face, and the attendance at the service was very large. Rev. Harry Blackford of the Universalist church read portions of Scripture and gave the address, speaking, in part, as follows:

Again has the overbrooding presence of the angel of death cast a shadow of sadness across our lives. Once more has he led us down to the valley of dark shadows toward which we are all journeying, and across which one of our number has so recently passed. The severing of these earthly ties which unite us to each other is always attended with pain and anguish of soul. When anyone is summoned yonder, it comes as a shock to those who linger yet a little longer; and especially is this true when the one who is taken occupies so prominent and important a place in the life of the community as did he whose loss we mourn to-day.

He was a man of unusual ability and one whose varied talents enabled him to make his influence felt in many lines of activity. But first of all we think of him as the man of business. It was in this capacity that he gained a circle of acquaintances far beyond the limits of our own village. Among these he was looked upon as a man of keen perception and one who was able to see quickly and accurately the relative merits of various policies of action, and to determine with promptness and decision the best method to be pursued. It was this characteristic which enabled him to conduct the affairs of a large industry and still have time and inclination to take an active interest in matters of public concern. He was always a man positive in his convictions and firm in his determinations. Being essentially a man of action, and entering into any enterprise which he sanctioned with an enthusiasm which he made contagious, he was able to carry to a successful issue that in which many another would have failed. To few persons has Nature been so generous with her gifts of those qualities of mind which are essential in a successful business career. Tuis was recognized by all, and his opinions along such lines carried weight and were received with respect and deference. But his powers were not all given to the affairs of his own business. He was equally as earnest and determined in his efforts in behalf of the interests of his native town, about whose welfare he was always concerned. Substantial monuments of his public spirit are not wanting, but are known to all. Many of our public improvements were conceived in his mind and found in him a worthy champion. He will be remembered as one in whom the desire was ever present that our town should rank well among the other towns of the Commonwealth. It afforded him great pleasure and satisfaction to hear strangers speak well of our public buildings and the general appearance of our streets. He also took a deep interest in all political questions, and had been honored by his fellow citizens, who have at various times elected him to positions of honor and trust. The confidence thus reposed was never abused, but the obligations it implied were discharged as became the public-spirited citizen that he was.

Though he had come into possession of a large estate and was blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, yet his life was not all sunshine and he had not been spared the sorrows that come into all our lives. Three times had the shadows gathered about his home when his companion and loved one had been called to the life beyond. But these sufferings had not been endured in vain, for they had developed in him that deep sympathy which was able to feel another's pain and which made itself manifest in the presence of death. For at such times none were quicker than he in his expression of sorrow and his proffer of assistance.

But if he had received from an honored father certain traits of character that made him known in the business world and a power in the community, he had also received from a sainted mother other traits that would endear him to those who came within range of their operation. Though impulsive, yet his nature was warm and generous. He was open-handed to any cause that commended itself to him as worthy of his support and that appealed to what was best in his nature. Though unconnected with any church, yet has he been a liberal supporter of its works. He has always given to other communions than the one with which he was most in sympathy, and when in health it was his usual custom to be found present at its service of worship. He likewise was a generous supporter of its work in fields beyond the limits of his own community. But not only will his loss be felt by institutions; he will be missed by the lowly in life who have been tided over many a trying position through his timely assistance. But these deeds of kindness need not be recited here, for they were done in secret and should be allowed to rest beneath the veil until it is lifted by the hands of those who were helped by their doing. Besides, are they not recorded in letters that shall endure in the hearts of those who bowed their heads in sorrow at the news of his departure?

Rev. F. S. Hatch of the Congregational church offered prayer. During the services the St. Patrick's church bell, given by Mr. Reynolds, was tolled. The stores and places of business were closed, and St. Patrick's parochial residence and the national bank were draped; crape was also upon the door of the savings bank. Burial was in the Main street cemetery, and there several hundred people gathered. Rev. Harry Blackford offered prayer. The honorary bearers were E. F. Morris, C. M. King, S. F. Cushman, W. J. Ricketts, Dr. G. E. Fuller and A. D. Ellis; the active bearers were E. J. Van Sickle, C. L. Gould, C. W. King, F. M. King, Willard Darling and John Cross. A large number from out of town were present at the services, among them Whitney Reynolds of Medway, Joseph E. Reynolds of Upton, Lucien Reynolds of Wickford, R. I., W. E. C. Bradley, representing R. M. & T. Reynolds's commission house of Fleitmann & Co., New York, E. J. Van Sickle, representing the R. M. Reynolds straw works store in New York, Frank M. Smith and Col. Dwight of Skinner & Co., Hartford, J. J. Ellis of Stafford, W. H. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Munn, Mrs. C. L. Gardner, Dwight Gilmore, Mrs. Charles Fuller, Robert Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. King of Springfield, Mrs. Sagemann of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Dr. C. F. Hersey and Mrs. J. M. Phipps of Boston, J. S. Loomis, H. C. Strong and A. E. Fitch of Palmer, Charles Keeney of Manchester, Ct., David Letter of Boston, Henry Newton of Greenwich, C. F. Birdseye of New York, C. S. Burr, representing J. S. Plummer & Co., importers, New York, and J. S. Bidwell, representing Judd & Root of Hartford.

RICE MUNN REYNOLDS.

Easter at the Churches.

Special preparations have been made for the observance of Easter Sunday at the churches.

At the Congregational church there will be a concert in the evening at 6, and this musical programme will be rendered in the morning:

Organ voluntary, "Rise, rise from thy mourning,"	Schnecker
"Our ascended Redeemer,"	Trowbridge
"Gloria Patri,"	Hauscome
"Love Divine, all love excelling,"	Smart
Offertory—organ, "Christ our passover,"	Chapple
Organ postlude.	

At the Catholic church Emerson's mass will be sung at the morning service, and for the offertory the "Haec Dies," by Victor Hammuel. At the evening service Musical Vespers will be sung, with "O Salutaris," by Panofka, and "Tantum Ergo," by LaHacke.

At the Universalist church the regular service will be held in the morning, followed by communion. In the evening at 7 there will be a concert entitled "The birthday of hope."

There will be no preaching service in the Methodist church next Sunday morning, as the pastor, Rev. A. R. Nichols, is attending conference at Worcester. The people have been invited to worship at the Congregational church. The Sunday school will be held at 12 o'clock as usual, and there will be a concert in the evening.

Burglars Make a Rich Haul.

The millinery store of M. & M. Gavin was entered by burglars last night and something like $750 worth of stuff taken, including a large lot of ribbons, pocketbooks, kid gloves, etc. The parties were evidently experts, and the ribbons were all unwound from the rolls, about $500 worth of them being taken. The thieves entered by breaking a window in the rear door and then turning the key. The Misses Gavin were in the store until 10 last evening, and knew no hing of the affair until they returned at 8 this morning and found the stuff scattered about. Miss Gavin will go to Boston Monday, and will be ready Tuesday morning with a full stock of goods. In the meantime the store will be kept open.

Miss Carrie L. Chapin has a new Eagle bicycle.

Mrs. W. H. Marble of Lawrence is visiting Mrs. H. E. Bugbee.

Miss Mira L. Chapin is visiting friends in Windsor Locks, Ct.

E. F. Cushman of Marion is spending a week at S. F. Cushman's.

Mrs. C. A. Bradway is spending two weeks at her home in Medford.

Mrs. N. D. Fenton spent Sunday with her daughter in Willimantic.

Jesse T. Leonard of Willimantic is visiting his son, George L. Leonard.

Miss Willis Webster of Providence is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Smith.

The Academy opened Wednesday, nearly all of the scholars having returned.

Mrs. C. L. Gould has returned from a visit to her old home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Monson Cycle League will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night.

Maguire & Sullivan have sold a house on Thompson street to John Prindiville.

The Woman's Relief Corps will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday night.

W. S. Dunham has moved his tin store into the place vacated by A. Michelman.

Herbert Howe has a new Eagle bicycle, purchased through the Fitz & Walker agency.

William Stone is home from the Philadelphia dental college on his summer vacation.

The regular meeting of A. A. Gage camp, Sons of Veterans, will be held next Tuesday night.

Mrs. H. G. Rogers has visited her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Coltman, in Springfield this week.

John Thacker has been painting several new signs on the front of Jas. Pendergast's market.

Myron Blanchard of Amherst spent Sunday with his father, Lee Blanchard, on Moulton Hill.

The Woman's Relief Corps is to have an animotiscope exhibition in Memorial Hall May 6th.

The annual meeting of the Universalist parish will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The board of selectmen will be in session next Monday afternoon for the transaction of business.

The property of the late George Harvey in the west part of the town will be sold at auction the 20th.

Dennis P. Nelligan has taken a position as loom fixer with the Riverside Woolen Company in Stafford.

Mrs. Elizabeth Entwistle and son Charles expect to sail for England May 4th, where they will remain a few months.

The King's Daughters serve ice cream, cake and cocoa at the Methodist church this evening, to be followed by a social.

Charles H. Webb of the Boston Dental College is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Webb, on Bridge street.

The Bohemian Glass Blowers have been secured by the Sons of Veterans, and will appear in Memorial Hall April 25th and remain one week.

Miss Lizzie Foster and Miss Lizzie Strout, who have been employed at the Heimann & Lichten hat factory, left yesterday for their homes in Maine.

Mrs. Minerva J. Lane, 74, died at her home in the west part of the town yesterday forenoon, after a short illness. The funeral will be held at 10 a. m. to-morrow.

The meeting in regard to forming a veteran firemen's association, called for Monday evening, was postponed until next Monday evening owing to the small attendance.

The board of selectmen has organized with O. C. McCray as chairman, G. H. Foskit chairman of the overseers of the poor, and H. D. Moulton chairman of the board of health.

A. M Guilford has sold his farm on the Wilbraham road to E. B. Converse of Cushman street, who will take possession about the 20th of this month. Mr. Guilford will sell his stock of farming tools, etc., at public auction next Wednesday at 1 o'clock.

The school committee met in Memorial Hall last evening and organized with Dr. N. W. Rand as chairman and William L. Ricketts as clerk. A visiting committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. N. W. Rand, Rev. Harry Blackford and William Sutcliffe.

The school in the Pease district has been closed on account of the small number of scholars, and the teacher, Miss Susan Metcalf, has been transfered to Colton Hollow, where the school has not been opened this term on account of the inability to secure a teacher.

A meeting of the appropriation committee appointed at the town meeting last Monday will be held in the selectmen's room in Memorial Hall next Tuesday afternoon at 2.15. All persons interested and wishing a hearing on any of the articles left for the committee's consideration are requested to be present.

The kinetoscope and graphophone entertainment in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans, was pronounced most excellent by the entire audience. Owing to the storm the attendance was not very large, yet the frequent applause gave evidence of appreciation and enthusiasm.

R. Clifford Millar and family are to remove to Portland, Oregon, and will leave town next Wednesday. They have lived in Monson a number of years and have many friends. For some years Mr. Millar was a clerk in Gage Bros.' store, but on account of ill health gave up his work last December. Mrs. Millar has a sister in Portland. He will sell his household goods at auction next Monday afternoon.

Miss May E. Wales of the Academy faculty, assisted by a few of her drawing pupils, is preparing to give an entertainment in the chapel Saturday evening, April 23d, to consist of the reproduction by means of tableaux of some of the famous pictures of the world, these to be illuminated and colored by the stereopticon. Musical and other selections will complete the programme. The admission is to be 25 cents, the proceeds to be used for furnishing models and other material for the drawing classes.

HAMPDEN.

About 75 members of the Baptist church visited Rev. N. D. Parsons, the pastor, Friday evening, and a very enjoyable time was passed. Mr. Parsons was presented with a purse of money by his guests.

LUDLOW.

The Ludlow Manufacturing Company is staking out ground for five new cottages on Sewall street.

David DeRush, a former resident, has returned to town, having taken a position with the Ludlow Manufacturing Company.

An entertainment consisting of living pictures by Edison's kinetoscope, accompanied by the graphophone, is to be given in Joy's Hall next Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Union Congregational church. The proceeds will go toward the piano fund.

WEST WARREN.

Miss Louise Dufresne has gone to Pittsfield.

Miss Jennie Campbell is at home for a few days.

Rev. John Mason is attending conference at Worcester this week.

Milton Dickson moved last week to his farm on the Brimfield road.

Mrs. D. Pepper visited friends in North Brookfield the first of the week.

The Misses Conroy and Mrs. Mahoney had a fine display of choice millinery this week.

Victor Dufresne has moved his provision and vegetable market to Benoit's block on North street.

There will be no preaching service in the Methodist church next Sunday, it being conference week.

Mrs. John Rycroft and daughter, Miss Grace, of Three Rivers, spent last Sabbath with friends here.

HOLLAND.

Charles Bennett of Bolton visited his parents last week.

Willie A. Webber has taken a position with the Snell Mfg Co., at East Brimfield.

Mrs. Worrel was called to Worcester Thursday on account of the death of her sister.

John Marselle, who has been ill and under the care of Dr. R. V. Sawin, is reported improving.

The students of the Brimfield Academy returned to their work Tuesday after a short vacation.

Preparations are being made for Easter services Sunday. An Easter concert will be given Sunday evening.

Edith Bennett of Brookfield recently spent a short time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Bennett.

Mrs. Bristol, of Colorado, after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Will Webber, went to Worcester Saturday.

George Coburn, whose home for several years has been with E. P. Damon, left town Monday to stop for a while with his father in Hartford.

WARE.

Lawyer H. C. Davis has returned from his Western trip.

The high school athletic association cleared $21 on its play last Friday evening.

Thomas Fitzgerald has been appointed janitor of the town hall and lockup keeper by the selectmen.

Miss Katherine Kennedy, music teacher in the schools of New York city, is visiting at her home on Prospect street.

Rev. T. E. Allen gave a stereopticon lecture on "Psychical research and a future life" last evening, under the auspices of the Unity Club.

Miss Harriett B. Hayden, the librarian, is spending a vacation of a month in New York city. Her place in the library is being taken by Miss Nellie Gould.

Albert Bourret, an employe in the cardroom of the Stevens mill, injured three fingers on his left hand Monday afternoon, they being caught in a carder.

The Knights of Columbus will give their first annual ball in the town hall next Wednesday evening. Russell's orchestra of Fitchburg will furnish the music.

WALES.

Bert Lilly of Stafford has moved his family into the Shaw block.

Miss Mabel Camp has recovered from her illness and is again at her post of duty.

George Lacy has moved his family from the Palmer house to a house near the Berkley mill.

W. K. Simmons and wife have returned from Somers, Ct., and are occupying their home on High street.

Mrs. Nellie Smith has moved her furniture into the Palmer house, where she and her mother have set up housekeeping.

The leaders of the M. E church furnished a baked bean dinner for the town meeting, which was very poorly patronized, though the dinner was excellent.

Rev. J. M Buffum closed his revival meetings last Sunday evening with a large attendance. Several conversions are reported as the fruits of his labors.

A temperance meeting was held in the Baptist vestry Sunday night, addressed by the pastor and several citizens, which told at the ballot box Monday, when the no vote was increased by seven over last year. The result is most gratifying to the temperance people.

BELCHERTOWN.

E. S. Hopkins has returned from Auburndale.

D. P. Clapp of Brooklyn arrived in town yesterday.

Mrs. F. J. Morse is visiting friends in Worcester.

William Guest and family have removed to Southwick.

Miss Eva Morse of Florence is at her home for a short vacation.

Mrs. Maxwell and children of Honolulu are stopping at the Park View.

Nelson Randall will sell his personal property at auction next Tuesday.

E. S. Hopkins has returned from Auburndale, where he has spent the winter.

J. B. Knight has formed a class in botany; it met this afternoon with Miss Grace B. Ayers.

Miss Delia Stacy of Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, is at her home for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. Susan Hosmer of Baldwinville, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Susie, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bridgman.

Miss Annie Whelan, assistant teacher of the high school, who has been ill at her home in Westhampton, will return to her school duties Monday.

WILBRAHAM.

Postmaster Gurney has taken possession of the post office and will soon move it across the street.

Arrangements are being made by the ladies of the First Congregational church for the holding of a May breakfast.

Albro Bryant and family, who formerly lived here, have again returned to this town from South Hadley. Mr. Bryant has taken a situation with F. M. Green.

The Ladies' Social Union of the Methodist church met with Mrs. George A. Russell at Rich Hall Monday evening, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Fayette Nichols, who left town Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Nichols has been pastor of the local church for five years and has served faithfully and well. The departure of Mr and Mrs. Nichols is the cause of much regret.

At the annual town meeting on Monday the following resolutions were adopted:

The town of Wilbraham desires to recognize the official services of the late Charles E. Stacy, who for many consecutive years held the office of town clerk and treasurer.

The town desires also to place on record its appreciation of Mr. Stacy's ability and fidelity as an officer of the town, his integrity as a citizen, and his uprightness of character as a man.

Resolved, That this brief memorial be spread upon the records of the town, and that a copy of the same be transmitted by the present clerk to the family of Mr. Stacy.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Miss Gertrude A. Chase has returned from a week's visit to friends in North Dana.

J. W. Baldwin took possession of the post office April 1st, and has retained Miss Minnie M. Morgan as assistant.

Thomas Marshall, North Wilbraham's tonsorial artist, has moved into the tenement recently vacated by Rev. C. H. Gates, who is living in East Wilbraham.

Miss E. Evelyn Bell, librarian, has covered, numbered and catalogued the one hundred volumes of new books which have recently been added to the library.

Rev. H. B. Mason, pastor of Grace Union church, will preach a sermon Easter Sunday appropriate to the season, and the choir will render a cantata at 7 p. m., entitled "The Great Light," by Lyon.

The town instructed the selectmen at the annual town meeting to provide more spacious quarters for the selectmen and public library. This is a step in the right direction, as the present room is too small for the library and the town offices.

The apron and confectionery sale of Aloha Circle, King's Daughters, which was held Tuesday evening at the parsonage, was quite largely attended, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The apron table was presided over by Misses Fuller and Gates, the candy booth by Misses Rice and Sizer, and the cocoa was poured by Miss Cunningham. The affair netted $12. Profs. Wright and Ruppel were present with their gramophones for the edification of the assemblage. Miss Chase gave a reading.

WARREN.

Mrs. E. C. Morgan is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Hastings.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Root this afternoon.

Miss Helen Demond of Smith College is home for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. Hobart K. Whitaker of Brattleboro, Vt., is the guest of her father, Charles Comins.

A Gilbert and Barker gas machine is to be used in lighting the town hall, and the connecting pipes are being laid.

Tickets are selling rapidly for the "Chimes of Normandy," which is to be given in the town hall April 12th and 13th.

The ladies of the Parish Auxiliary gave a cake, candy and parcel sale at the home of Mrs. Danforth Keyes this afternoon.

Father Maher of West Stockbridge preached the final Lenten sermon in St. Paul's church Wednesday evening.

The April meeting of the auxiliary of the Woman's Board was held at the home of Mrs. Edward Fairbank Wednesday afternoon.

The town meeting passed off very smoothly. The principal discussion was in the line of appropriations, and there was a general cutting in all departments.

The Young People's Union of the Universalist church hold a social in Grand Army Hall this evening. Light refreshments will be served, and an entertainment provided.

The Marx Mountain Whist Club held a social dance in Brigham's Hall Monday evening, about fifteen couples participating. Miss Mabel Barnes of West Brookfield was pianist.

The union meeting in the interests of good citizenship, which was held in the Congregational church Sunday night, was well attended. The addresses of both Mrs. Stone Beaman and Rev. Mr. Sewall of North Brookfield were well received.

The Second Regiment Band of Springfield has been engaged for the Firemen's Ball the 18th of April, and it is expected there will be a large attendance, as the citizens are glad of this opportunity of showing their appreciation of the good service the department has rendered the past year.

BRIMFIELD.

Miss Lydia B. Hitchcock, who has been the guest of Miss Whitehouse in New York, has returned home.

Mrs. G. F. Chamberlain has returned home from Colorado Springs, where she has been spending the winter.

The district schools opened Monday, Mrs. Everet Sherman teaching the Center primary and Miss Nellie Hurley the grammar.

Mr. Richardson of Lee inspected the Grange Tuesday evening. An entertainment consisting of readings and music was well rendered, and refreshments were served. Rev. Mr. Kyle was given the third and fourth degrees.

Curbing at the New Hotel.

The latest work at the new hotel is the placing of a curb which encloses a space about 16 feet wide in the front of the building. This space will be grassed over and will be an advantage the old hotel did not possess. The work, which occupied four or five days, was done by the gratuitous labor of citizens and is an illustration of dependence upon native resources always characteristic of the town. When the matter was under consideration there was a question as to how the expense of having a granite curb put in could be met. Some one recalled a bed of gneiss or stratified granite on Haynes Hill. After this was prospected and a favorable report made, a number of citizens volunteered to take hold of the enterprise. Several men spent two days at the "quarry," getting out the stone, after which a levy was made on all the available two-horse teams for drawing. Still other men helped set the curb. While the stone was being hauled and the work was in progress, the street possessed a lively appearance, and it looked as if the town had opened up a new industry. Especial credit is due J. L. Chaffee, superintendent of streets, who had charge of the enterprise and gave his time and labor from the beginning. Previous to this last work there have been two citizens' bees for grading and laying stone work at the hotel. The community of interest and labor and the persevering effort exhibited in the entire hotel enterprise, and previously in putting in the drinking fountain, are interesting as showing a continuance of the spirit which has been manifested from the town's beginning. The most notable work which is described by inhabitants now living was the laying out of the park about half a century ago; but it is said that the entire central square of the village consists of made land, a natural depression having been filled in by enormous labor, in order that a settlement might be made in the spot determined upon

TOWN MEETING RESULTS

BRIMFIELD—Moderator, Orris Parker; clerk and treasurer, Oscar P. Brown; selectmen, Arthur F. Brown, Edward H. Davenport, Edward D. Brown; assessors, G. H. Streeter, Sanford Booth; C. C. Brown; overseers of the poor, F. E. Cook, O. E. Parker, C. L. Agard; school committee for three years, T. J. Morgan; tax collector, Elijah Allen; constables, Orrin Hicks, C. E. Bacon, W. E. Holland; library trustees for three years, T. J. Morgan, M. Lizzie Noyes; auditors, C. S. Tarbell, Edward Bliss. Appropriations: Highways, $1500; bridges, 350; snow paths, 150; schools, 1450; transportation, 100; text-books and supplies, 150; repairs to schoolhouse, 150; superintendent of schools, 225; library fund, 25; school committee, 50; paupers, 1000; officers, 500; miscellaneous, 700; town debt and interest; 125; Memorial Day, 100; total, 6781. Liquor license: Yes, 11; no, 32.

HAMPDEN—Moderator, William R. Sessions; clerk and treasurer, John Q. Adams; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Mortimer Pease, Nelson M. Carew; William J. Sessions; assessor, Patrick E. Wall; school committee, Nelson E. Pease; auditor, Charles Kenworthy; constables, Nelson V. Chaffee, William S. Hunt, Edward P. Lyons; road commissioner for three years, Ernest W. Balliett; library trustee, Miss Stella Day; tax collector, D. L. McCray. Appropriations: Schools, $4300 and dog fund; pastoral service, 125; books and supplies, 150; paupers, 700; superintendent of schools, 100; tuition high school pupils, 150; permanent repairs for schoolhouse, 75; highways, 800; street lights, 75; discount on taxes, 100; interest, 275; contingent account, 700; total, 4300. Liquor license: Yes, 72, no, 64.

HOLLAND—Moderator, F. B. Blodgett; clerk and treasurer, W. L. Webber; selectmen and overseers of the poor, Freeman Blodgett, Arthur Blodgett and D. E. Butterworth; assessors, W. L. Webber, C. A. Webber and A. F. Blodgett; school committee for three years, A. F. Blodgett; auditor, H. J. Switzer; constables, Richard Young and D. E. Butterworth; trustee of library for three years, J. G. Willis. Appropriations: Schools, $150; paupers, 100; highways, 400; bridges, 75; contingencies, 50, miscellaneous, 50. Liquor license: Yes, 5; no, 11.

WALES—Moderator, W. A. Lyon; clerk, O. P. Royce; treasurer, W. A. Lyon; selectmen, O. P. Royce, J. B. London, George Stewart; assessors, O. P. Royce, C. M. Gale, J. B. Walker; collector, O. Crawford; constables, W. W. Eager, A. Jones; school committee for three years, E. L. Needham; prosecuting committee, J. C. Burley, H. A. McFarland; library commissioner for three years, Mary Converse. Appropriations: Schools, $1000; highways and bridges, 700; paupers, 700; town officers, 300; discount on taxes, 125; snow paths, 50; library, 150; reappropriated for suppression of illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, 270; miscellaneous, 500; total, 3095. Liquor license: Yes, 18; no, 64.

WARREN—Moderator, Charles H. Walker; clerk and treasurer, Charles B. Blair; selectman for three years, A. H. Converse; overseer of the poor for three years, John W. Lawrence; assessor for three years, Albert H. Converse; board of health for three years, Charles A. Deland; school committee for three years, Mary C. Burbank, Charles A. Deland, Humphrey J. Wren; for two years, Mary C. Buck, Theodore A. Fischer; auditors, H. S. Elles, J. E. Lombard, G. E. Tarbell; constables, H. B. Smith, H. P. Cole, John Colliers, C. L. Thompson, W. A. Putnam; collector of taxes, Emory C. Sawyer; cemetery commissioner for three years, Marcus Burroughs. Appropriations: Town officers, $2000; schools, 12,000; library, dog fund and 300; text books, 1000; paupers, 2200; highways, 2300; sidewalks, 200; fire department, 1000; special repairs in town hall, 200; street lights, 2500; care of cemetery, 250; insurance, 580; interest, 1400; Memorial Day, 75; contingent account, 1500; miscellaneous, 2150; total, 30

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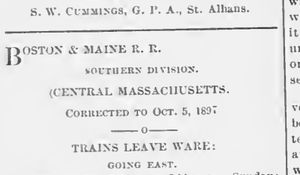
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For me an ever sobbing pain,
And few, few words you said.

For me the light pulsating waste,
For me the noisy, wrinkling sea,
For you all silences are laced,
All darks wove endlessly.

And yet I would that I could lie
In darks and silences as deep,
Where drawn lips cannot laugh or sigh,
Nor dusty eyes cannot weep.

If I but knew that you o'erheard,
Beneath the sky's caressing smile,
Went sometimes sorrowing for the dead
As I do all the while.

—*Post Wheeler in New York Press.*

THE MAKING OF A MAN.

Matt. 3: 16, 17. And Jesus when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

The making of a man is a long and complex process, and all things enter into it. "There is not a single object in the universe but has reference to the soul." There is not a single element in a child's environment that does not enter into the making of his character; not one that does not change or influence him for better or for worse. The persons he meets and makes friends with, the books he reads or looks into, the pictures he sees and collects, the games he invents and plays, the work he finds and performs, the school he attends and the teachers he has, the home where he is reared,—all these help to determine with what sort of eyes he shall look upon life, with what skill he shall perform his part in the world, in what spirit he shall attempt his duty. They help to restrain or evoke the various elements of his nature; they give or refuse opportunity and encouragement to its primitive impulses; they help or hinder the growth of its latent faculties; they have an awful power to make or mar the man.

Nevertheless, nothing is more evident than that their power is not absolute. The most helpful and wholesome surroundings fail lamentably, if there is not a certain native capital of talents and of will; and, on the other hand, no environment is able to suppress the nature that God has gifted with ability and with determination. Boys with every opportunity for culture have through lack of taste, ability, or decision of character, become men of hoorish manners, ignoraut minds, and swinish appetites, while Garfields and Lincolns and Grants have risen from the humblest circumstances to positions of the highest usefulness. Boys from wealthy homes have spent maturity in the slums, and boys from the slums have not infrequently become eminent. Human nature often degenerates in spite of its environment; and in spite of its environment a soul may grow strong and worthy.

It is evident, moreover, that merely to develop the power and skill of mind and body is not sufficient. For a man is something more than a sound mind in a sound body. There are thieves and murderers who boast that state of culture; there are idlers and hoodlums who are both intelligent and healthy. Dr. Holland observes that as it is essential not only to construct a locomotive properly, and to supply it with steam but also to place it upon the well laid rails, so it is not enough to make a strong and vigorous man, able to do great things, without putting him on a well-made road that leads to the end of his life, and in traveling which he shall accomplish the purpose for which he was created.

It is not enough that the Massachusetts should be armed against solid shot and protected against explosive shells, that she carries many great guns wherewith to destroy her enemy, that down in the hold there are magnificent engines to move her in her evolutions; with all these she would be helpless and useless without the presence of the commanding officer who directs and guides her movements.

So it is not enough for a man to be thoroughly furnished with skill and ability: he will be helpless and useless if there is not within him a spirit of manliness to inspire and direct his activity. The foundation of true manliness is laid in the will. The man is measured by his purpose, by his consecration to his ideals, by his devotion to his aim in life. If this spirit is absent he will never count for much in the world; if there is no sovereign will within, these outward signs of power are mere shows. The will is the true promise of success: where it exists there is a way. It is the true measure of the man: greatness chiefly depends on one's power to control and to direct himself.

Too much pains cannot be taken to develp the will of the growing boy. It must be independent and obstinate if he is to be temperate and righteous; it must be strong and active if he is to be a worker in the world. No development of the emotion or the intellect will compensate for a weak, vacillating and undisciplined will.

But the religious nature is more potent than the will to develop manliness. Mere strength of will may retard instead of promoting progress; it may prevent a man from doing his duty. It is only when the will is subordinated to authority that it subserves man's highest life. Only as a man becomes obedient to law can he grow to perfect manhood. The spirit of true manliness is the spirit of doing the will of God and of being perfect as He is perfect.

The fact is that the noblest types of manhood have been religious. It is the exception and not the rule that men without faith in God have exercised great powers for good. Name those men who have been conspicuous for their personal holiness and purity, and they will prove to be, either openly or in secret, men who fear God and keep His commandments. Name the men who have been leaders of thought: reverence is one of their characteristics.

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It was religion that made Socrates so great and fearless a teacher. He said to his persecutors and judges:—"Athenians, I hold you in the highest regard and love; but I will obey God rather than you. God has commanded me to teach and to examine you. And I think that no better piece of fortune has ever befallen you than my service to God. For I spend my whole life in persuading you to give your first and chiefest care to the perfection of your souls, and not till you have done that to think of your bodies or your wealth: and in telling you that virtue

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"I say, Jock, my mon, I'm thinking you're o'erworking your ba'."

"Na, na," says the second. "Mine was a fine, clean drive, but whaur's yours?"

"Eh, mon, mine was an awful clure."

So they went another 50 yards Then the first says:—

"Jock, mon, I'll tak' my davy we're past yours the noo."

"Then whaur's your ain?"

"Eh, mine was an awful clure."

Another 50 yards brought them to the putting green.

"Maybe ye'd see if it's in the hole."

"My certes, why there it is! And, eh, but it's curious, but there's mine in the hole beside it! Mon, it's awful curious."

"Het's halved, then."

"Het's halved—one each—good play."

They turned up for the next hole solemnly. Then they stood looking at each other a moment before they drove off

"Say, Jock, my mon, d'ye think it's any use to gaug on playing like this?"

"I'm thinking it would just be a halved match."

"Het's my ain very tocht, Jock."

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His affection does not tire.
Let us then his truth desire,
Seeking it past water, fire,
Gold and wine!

—*John O. Coil, in "Great Thoughts."*

does not come from wealth, but that wealth and every other good thing comes from virtue."

It was religion in Socrates that made a man of him: his sense of responsibility to God made him heedless of men, careful to think truly, impatient of sophistries, critical of conduct, careful of his behavior; it made him the great teacher of Athens and one of the fathers of philosophy.

So it was religion that made a man of Abraham. For many years he was a mere keeper of flocks and herds, interested only in their increase, enjoying his simple shepherd life in the valley of Haran. If faith had not sprung up in his heart he would have lived and died there, on that low plane of life, and we should never have known his name. But there came a time when he became conscious of God, and of a sudden he grew a hero. Faith led him across the deserts, not knowing whither he went; by faith he sojourned as a stranger in the land of promise. By faith he became the Friend of God, the father of the Faithful, a servant of righteousness, a man of generosity and justice, a helper of the weak, a source of blessing to all the nations and families and kindreds of the earth.

Religion made Luther the reformer out of Luther the priest. He had his place in the hierarchy of the Roman church, he acknowledged his responsibility to her Pope but a day came when he realized his responsibility to God, and understood that he had a place in the spiritual order of the Universe. Then he nailed the Theses to the door of the Cathedral, gave up his place in the church, waged a long, fierce and successful battle for religious liberty.

As in these great lives so in less, religion is the essential spirit of manliness. I cannot imagine a man realizing the full stature of his manhood, the full measure of his usefulness in any occupation or profession, who does not acknowledge the sovereignty of God, and accept his place in the spiritual order as a child of the Most High.

If he has never thought of this, if he has never understood it, if in spite of Christ's luminous witness to the Fatherhood of God and the sonship of man, the boy or the man has been blind to the truth, he will live naturally on low planes, he will confine his pursuits to earthly things, and his morality will be mere prudence.

But if he has laid a firm hold on this truth the miracle of the descent of the dove will be repeated in him. For in the moment when he makes confession of his divine sonship, the heavens will be opened to him, the spirit of God will come upon him, and the voice of God will approve him.

Translated into fact these phrases mean that the sphere of his life will be enlarged, the power of his nature will be increased, and the peace of his conscience will be assured. These are the essential tests of a growing manliness.

Without doubt religion enlarges the scope and meaning of our lives. Whoever may think that life ends at the death of the body, the religious man does not think so. He sees that the soul persists throughout eternity, and that this life is but a stage in its everlasting progress. He understands that this life is serious because death does not interfere with its consequences. He understands how right living cumulates rewards, perhaps to be enjoyed in this world, perhaps in the next, but surely to be enjoyed. He understands how sin blights and hurts and destroys, and cumulates its retribution, perhaps to be suffered before death, perhaps after. Life does not assume the morbid seriousness that it would to a believer in probation and everlasting woe, but it does seem too serious to be frittered away in mere pleasure seeking, to be consumed in mere care for the body and what it shall put on, to be given over to sin and shame. When the heavens are opened, a man sees that his life has its destiny in a brighter and a better world than this. When the heavens are opened he understands that he ought to live to-day in full view of the fact that there is an eternity of to-morrows.

Then, the life of a religious man has a constant relationship with heavenly things. The angels of God rejoice over it. Where he lies down to rest they ascend and descend upon the golden ladder of his dreams. Where he stops to work they come to bless and to help him. When he passes into the Wilderness of Temptation they are ready to minister unto him ulter every struggle. When he walks through the valley of shadows there shines upon his pathway at least a ray of light. And not only does heaven seem to bless him in his going out and his coming in, but his life responds to the heavenly interest in it. The religious man seeks the wisdom that is from above; his prayer is for the bread of life; his endeavor is to do the will of God; his life reaches up and not down, out and not in, forward and not back. He aspires to better things; he lives not according to the standards of men but according to the eternal standards of justice and holiness and love. When the heavens are opened, to a man it means not only more light, more blessing, more joy: it means more love, more holiness, more life.

Then religion increases a man's power. "I can do all things," said Paul, "through Christ that strengtheneth me." Jesus, led up of the spirit into the wilderness, resisted temptations that would have overcome a man living apart from God. "No man can do the mighty work that thou doest," said Nicodemus, "except God be with him." Jesus was able to stand alone, against men for he said—"I am not alone, my Father is with me."

But it is not only in that the sense of God's presence strengthens the sinews of the spiritual nature, that religion helps in the making of a man. I quote from Emerson, "'Tis certain that worship stands in some commanding relation to the health of man, and to his highest powers, so as to be, in some manner, the source of his intellect. All the great ages have been ages of belief. When there was any extraordinary power of performance, when great national movements begun, when arts appeared, when heroes existed, when poems were made, the human soul was in earnest and had fixed its thoughts on spiritual verities, with as strict a grasp as that of the

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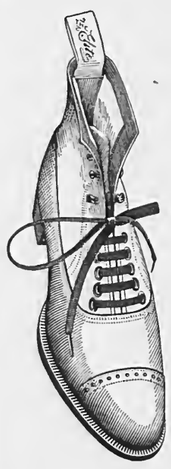

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THE SHEEP, CAT AND HEN.

As I walked over the hill one day,
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"In all the green world there is nothing so sweet
As my little lamm'e with his nubble feet;
With eye so bright,
And wool so white;
Oh! he is my darling, my heart's delight."
And the mother-sheep and her little one
Side by side lay down in the sun,
And they went to sleep on the hillside warm,
While my little lammie lies here on my arm.

I went to the kitchen, and what did I see,
But the old gray cat with her kittens three?
I heard her whispering soft; said she:
"My kittens, with tails so cunningly curled,
Are the prettiest things that can be in the world.
The bird on the tree,
And the old ewe—she
May love her babies exceedingly;
But I love my kittens there,
Under the rocking-chair,
I love my kittens with all my might;
I love them at morning, noon and night;
Now I'll take up my kitties I love,
And we'll lie down together beneath the warm stove."
Let the kittens sleep under the stove so warm,
While my darling lies here on my arm.

I went to the yard, and I saw the old hen
Go clucking about with her chickens ten.
She clucked, and she scratched, and she bustled away,
And what do you think I heard the hen say?
I heard her say: "The sun never did shine
On anything like those chickens of mine!
You may hunt the full moon and the stars, if you please,
But you never will find ten such chickens as these.
My dear, downy darlings, my sweet little things,
Come, nestle now cosily under my wings."
So the hen said,
And the chickens all sped
As fast as they could to their nice feather bed.
And there let them sleep, in their feathers so warm,
While my little chick lies here on my arm.

—*Richard Monckton Milnes.*

THE MAN WHO SPOILED THE MUSIC.

There was no doubt about it, he did, and yet it was the last thing he was likely to believe. He loved music; his voice was often heard ringing out a rollicking song in the tap-room. And now it kept coming to him, in at least a score of different ways—he himself was the man who spoiled all the music!

He was not in the brightest possible condition for an argument, and certainly not in a humor to be convinced of a truth that he did not want to believe; and yet convinced he was, and every minute added to the conviction. Every sight about him, and the silence, if not the sounds, forced it home upon him, so that there could not possibly be any mistake.

It was Sunday afternoon about four o'clock. He was leaning against the wall by the dirty fireplace, unwashed and in his shirt sleeves. The room looked as wretched as the man himself, and as dirty; blackened and broken, with window-panes either plastered over with paper or stuffed out with rags. The rickety furniture was there simply because it could fetch nothing elsewhere. Seated on the other side of the fireplace was the white-faced and slatternly wife, holding a tiny bit of mortality at her breast, and breathing a heavy sigh that told of a burden there a great deal heavier than the baby.

One word summed up the whole reason of the wretchedness—drink. Not a bad sort of a man but for this one thing; able to earn good wages and to have a comfortable home; yet no idle miscreant ever dwelt amid greater squalor or kept all about him in greater misery.

So it was that on this Sunday afternoon Jack stood as cross as cross could be, ready to let out his misery upon the first victim he could find, as if any one were to be blamed for it sooner than himself. Then it was the door opened suddenly with a bang, and in burst two little maidens singing merrily; eyes and faces, hands and feet, all full of music. They had come from the Mission Sunday school, and the last hymn was in their ears and came cheerily ringing from their lips:

"I am so glad that our Father in heaven
Tells of His love in the book He has given."

They had just got to the line of the chorus, "I am so glad," and it came in at the opened door with such a bounding gladness as they lifted the latch and felt that they were in the freedom of the home—"I am so glad"—then suddenly they came far enough to see their father. Instantly the voices were silenced, the sunshine died out of their eyes; with a frightened look filling their faces they shrank outside the door again and shut it noiselessly.

The silence that followed was unbroken by a sound. The wife sat mournfully looking at the blackened ashes of the fireplace, with the little one asleep in her arms. That abrupt and sudden silence smote Jack's heart; those changed faces and the little frightened maidens hushed like that—he felt that he had done it all. He seemed to hear again the happy burst, "I am so glad," and then that dreadful stopping. He was going to ask with an oath why they didn't go on singing, but they weren't there, and so it was no use to do that; besides, he knew well, too well, why they had stopped, so it came about that he lifted himself from the wall and thrust himself fiercely into his jacket, and went slouching towards the door. He strole out of the court and away on, anywhere, until he got outside the streets and into the more quiet and pleasant roads; then he slackened his pace. The fierceness had turned to grief, and at last there came the words muttered to himself, "That's what I am always doing; I spoil all the music."

It was dreadful to think of it, as he turned it over. How much it meant! He thought of his wife, and of the sweet voice she had long ago, and how, back in the old times, they had sung together. And now to think of her sitting there, so white-faced and silent! She never even saug the baby off to sleep—only kept on sighing. "Anyhow, not when I am there," said Jack; "I spoil all the music."

It was dreadful to think about it, of the places he had been in as a carpenter and the chances he had had, and how one after another he had lost them all through the drink; and now the first to get notice to quit, the last to be offered a job, was he who had prided himself on his work. "Oh, dear, I've been spoiling all the music for years," sighed Jack.

So it came about that poor Jack, so hardened and helpless, stopped there and theu, and put his face into bis hands and said, "God help me!" He had gone on, never thinking where he was going, until now he found himself outside the long stretch of the houses, and was under the green trees and in the midst of the fields. The lark sang overhead, the thrush and the blackbird rang out their richest notes; in the branches above him a crowd of sparrows met and chirped the very loudest, merriest music they had ever learned. And there, in the sunset, Jack leaned on a gate and let his soul flow to God in helplessness and sorrow and longing.

It was quite dark before he passed in at the squalid court where he lived and turned with a sigh into his wretched home. Poor Jack, his heart was very sore through that night, and, asleep or awake, again and again the words came sadly to his lips, "I spoil all the music."

The next day he was up and off at daybreak. Vexed and desperate as he was, he went at his work with a grim fierceness, without a word for anybody. His mates were used to his moods, and did not care to interfere with him at times like these. "Jack is out again about som'at," said they, with a jerk of the thumb in his direction. Tbey might stop for dinner, but Jack snatched at a bit of bread and worked on; tbey might pack up at the strike of the clock, but so long as the light lasted Jack would stick at it.

Jack's fit was on the next day, much to the surprise of his mates—the brow knit and the lips tight and the work flying on at a tremendous pace. "Why, Jack, lad," cried one, "art thou putting a week o' work into a day, that thou mayst go on a spree all the rest of it?"

"No," said Jack, so gruffly that nobody had a word for him again; and so it lasted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All that was strange enough, and set his workmates wondering; but the strangest of all was it when that Saturday afternoon came and Jack took up his wages without a word and just walked right away from them. "Jack's mad," said they. "Never kuew his lit last so long as this."

"Now," said Jack, taking a stride just double the usual length, and putting his foot down as if he meant to get through to the other side of the earth, "I'll try and get the music back again;" and Jack meant to smile, but he had to put his mouth tight and to knit his brows to keep back a tear. "By God's help," Jack added, devoutly.

When he came home he evidently was not expected; indeed, was scarcely wanted. The wife lifted her face in surprise, and went on with her scrubbing. Whatever this coming home meant, nothing ever brought her any good.

Poor Jack, he seemed to hear it all. "Spoiled her music, too," he sighed. He hung up his bag of tools on their peg and took off the apron that was rolled about his wrist, and then he caught sight of that very venerable and hairless scrubbing-brush. "It will help to bring back the music," said Jack to himself, purposing to buy his wife there and then a new one, but the purpose was somewhat delayed. Just then, from some corner of the room, came the cry of the baby. The wife was rising up to get at it when Jack dived in after the little bundle of rags and fetched it out.

"I'll hold her a bit," said Jack, rather shyly.

Jack's wife would like to have said, "Thank you," but she felt shy, too. "Now, Jack, try and mend the music," said he to himself, and that time he really did smile, for the baby was unused to strangers, and none was a greater stranger to it than its own father, so it just cried out lustily. The good wife scrubbed on. There were times when she had to let it cry a bit, and this should be one of them. Jack took it tenderly into his arms and chirped to it, and chirped louder, but still it cried. Then Jack took it up in his hands and danced it to and fro and began to sing, soft and low at first, as a man who was feeling his way. But still the baby cried. And the good wife rose from her scrubbing to take it herself. Jack would try once more; it really was not pleasant to be beaten like this, so he set him resolutely, and then rang out an old song of long ago with all the force of his voice. The effect was magical. The baby stopped as if it was charmed; it opened its mouth in imitation of the father's, it laid hold firuly of the whiskers with little tangled fingers as if it would keep him at it, and then it laughed and crowed with delight. The poor wife looked on and smiled; it was a strange smile, as if she had got out of the way of it, but it stayed longer than you might have thought.

"Eh, Jack, it is good to hear thy music again," she said, very quietly.

Poor Jack, it almost put him out. He did stop for a moment, but instantly the little face puckered and wrinkled into all sorts of lines, the eyes closed, the nose was squeezed together, and the lips began to quiver with the coming cry. Then Jack had to strike off again, only to find the effect as magical as before, and to hear the baby laughing and crowing once more. And in the midst of it all there came in the two little maidens to find the father leaning against the wall making music like this.

"Why, we couldn't think whoever it was, father," said they, wondering, and without the merriment fading from their eyes this time.

They sat at tea, silent and shy, every one of them wondering except the baby; that kept stretching out its arms to the father, and found a new delight in pulling at his whiskers.

Poor Jack, he wanted all his thoughts about him to say what he found it hard to say, but words wouldn't come; and the most eloquent would find it hard to talk when a tiny hand was being thrnst in one's month and another tugged at the beard. So Jack had to content himself with putting his hand into his pocket, and taking out one sovereign and one half-sovereign, he gave them to his wife.

"What's this, Jack?" she asked, going to the window, for it was getting darkish, and she feared the first glance had deceived her.

"Wages," said Jack, getting it out as he could.

The poor wife looked at the money and then she looked at him. She bit each of the coins, and then looked as if she would like to apply her lips at least to Jack's. But she put the money in her pocket, and felt that if this thing went on she would have to sing, too.

"I'll stay and take care of the little ones if you want to go out, wife," said Jack. True, it was spoken with some interruption, and more than one word was hobbed back into the mouth by that little hand. But it went down into the good wife's heart and stirred music she had not heard for many a long day.

"Bless tbee, lad! it is good of thee," said the wife, and then she blushed like a maiden that she should have said so much.

"'Tis all thine, wife, so don't be afraid," said Jack, as the wife went out at the door.

She turned back with a great stare. She had taken tbe half-sovereign and put the other in the mysterious deptbs of her dress.

"All this!" said she. "Why, Jack, what must I do with it?"

"Buy thyself a new scrubbing brush, and get the baby a new frock for Sunday," and this time Jack did smile.

The wife came nearer; she couldn't help it; she stood for a moment plucking up courage, then she put her hand on his shoulder and stooped down and kissed the baby, and took a long time over it, too.

"I should like to give thee one, too," she said as shyly as possible; and she did it splendidly, and then hurried away.

"I think the music is coming back again," said Jack to himself.

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Later that night, after his wife came back, Jack went marketing, and a couple of chairs were set by the fire. "Good kind of musical boxes," said Jack to himself, as he took them in at the door and set each in its place. And there, about the fire, they sat side by side, silent for a while, the baby asleep and the little maidens at her side.

"Come, little ones, you must sing to mother and me," said he at last. "I am so glad, you know."

And they looked at each other with a wonder that soon passed into sunshine and joy; and before they knew it Jack and his wife joined with them. But poor Jack broke down before he had gone on long; then the others broke down, too, and all was still for a while, until Jack wiped away his tears and looked up cheerily.

"Eh, but I mustn't spoil the music like this. Sing on, little ones;" and they did sing, and Jack sang, and his wife. And then Jack did as he hadn't done for many a day; he knelt down with wife and children and asked God to help them and bless them, to forgive the past, and to strengthen him for the future.—*Mark Guy Pearse, in the Watchman.*

LUXURY FOR SMITH COLLEGE GIRLS.

Plymouth hall, the beautiful home for college girls, is one of the sights of our town. Oruate without, it is even more pleasing within, but the manner in which it allows students to live is the subject of more thought. It is run on a grand scale, to be compared with no place outside of New York. The cost of maintaining the hall is over $2000 a month, or about $20,000 in a year of nine months, most of which is divided among our wage earners, grocery men, meat men, coal men, farmers, etc. It is one to be looked upon with no small favor. Two hundred dollars for groceries; $100 for meat; $140 for butter and eggs; $180 for coal; $150 for gas and electricity; $40 for milk; $50 for ice; $100 for fruit, nuts, etc., and $80 for laundering are some of the monthly expenses.

With very few exceptions, the girls who live in Plymouth hall come from wealthy homes, and if there were no Plymouth hall they would, so far as they were able, find private families where they could have all the comforts and luxuries of their homes. To pay the big prices for board that the girls of Plymouth hall do is nothing new or fabulous for girls attending Smith College. In years past, students have paid as high as $15 and more a week for board in private families on Elm and contiguous streets. The price of board at Plymouth hall is $15 a week each, where two girls share a suite of rooms. If a girl wants to occupy a suite alone she has to pay $25. There are about half a dozen girls who pay this price.

All that ingenuity, refined and discriminating feminine taste can conceive, is shown in the beautifully furnished rooms. The artistic arrangement of the multi-colored and various kinds of sofa pillows and chair cushions, the well-nigh inconceivable ways in which pictures of father and mother, sisters and brothers or sweethearts, countless numbers of elegant bric-a-brac and a thousand and one pretty, dainty articles are tastefully combined, make the rooms exquisitely beautiful places. Many of the girls have had their rooms decorated, even from the paper on the walls, to correspond with the colors of the college that is their favorite. There is the purple for Amherst, the blue for Yale, crimson for Harvard, orange for Princeton, etc. And that their loyalty may not be questioned, a college flag must haug in a very conspicuous place.

In the culinary art and table service the place is the peer of Delmonico's. The best chefs, the best cooks of pastry, meat, vegetables, etc., all are secured from New York, and manner and materials used for table garnishings are similar to those used in the highest-priced New York restaurants. In number of courses, varieties of meats, vegetables, salads, fancy imported delicacies, fruit, ices, everything almost that can be had, both in season and out of season, are served, and to enumerate everything would require a big vocabulary. Tea coffee and chocolate are served, but chocolate is the favorite. "Black coffee," which is occasionally served, is likewise a favorite.

The hours of meals are: Breakfast, 7 30 to 8 30; lunch, 1 to 2, and dinner at 6. Except at dinner on Saturday and Sunday the girls are rarely all at the table at once. At dinner on these days the girls appear in their evening dresses, and it is an occasion for a pleasant social time. They make a beautiful sight, especially when the dining-room is brilliantly lighted, seated in groups of sevens about the round tables. One table is always reserved for guests. On Sundays the girls are allowed to fill vacancies by inviting friends, and this is a privilege which is greatly appreciated. The menu on these days is more elaborate, particularly in the way of salads, fruit and ices.

Only intelligent and attractive waiters are selected, and while serving they wear black dresses, white aprons, white collars and cuffs. The attempt to have them wear caps proved a failure, the young ladies rebelling against it. The New York waiters might do it, but not they. It was too much of a badge of servitude, and the independent New England girl will not submit to it. The students at Christmas and Easter time and when going home for the long vacation have made it a custom to remember the waiters generously in the way of gifts. On special occasions the dining-room is made a very beautiful and attractive place by the employment of flowers and potted plants artistically arranged with a most charming effect, and guests are entertained in a sumptuous style, an elaborate menu being provided for the event.

The girls are not even troubled with having to go to the dressmaker, as she comes to them, one having a room in the hall and devoting three days in a week to the girls. The girls are well drilled in extinguishing incipient fires in the building. A powder kept in a long tin case and hung at convenient places in the house is ready for any emergency, and there have been a number of instances where fires have started from some little carelessness on the part of the girls, a waste-basket or a curtain, when they have proved themselves quite adepts in putting out fires.—*Northampton Gazette.*

MIXED NUMBERS.

For the first time in the history of a semi-swell Third Street family it was to have the luxury of a private telephone. The battery and wiring had been put in, and all that was necessary was the establishment of the connections. The handsome daughter of the household waited for the service to begin.

The welcome ring came at a time when she was the only member of the family at home. She rushed to the telephone and gave the answering "Hello!"

"Hello!" came back cheerfully. "Yon're 31."

"What!" exclaimed the girl, hardly able to believe her ears.

"Yon're 31," repeated the voice.

"I'm not; and don't you dare insult me. Why, I'm just a little over—"

The voice came back over the wire a jolly laugh.

"I'll have to beg your pardon, miss. I meant that 31 was your telephone nnmbre."—*Louisville Dispatch.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1898.

THE first blood in the approaching American-Spanish war came near being shed in Congress Wednesday, when one member called another a liar and the latter hurled a huge Congressional Record at the former's head.

IT IS apparently only a question of days before war. The United States has demanded that Spain withdraw from Cuba, and Spain says she won't. Uncle Sam has made up his miud to see the thing through on the grounds of humanity, and may be relied upon not to back down, while the leaders of the Spanish government, however much they may desire to avoid war, dare not, in view of the temper of the people. It's only a questiou of days.

IT WAS good horse sense which made Gen. Fitzhugh Lee decline a reception which his admirers wished to tender him on his retnrn from Havana, and he hit it just right when he said, "Look here, boys, I haven't done a thing that either one of you, or any American citizen would not have done, and I don't see why there should be any fuss made abont it." The position simply gave the opportunity to the man; but then, not every man would have risen to the opportunity as did Lee.

MAIN street in Palmer is not improved in appearance by the three lines of poles which run on the sonth side from Thorndike street to Church, with their numerous lines of wire, the poles for the electric road being the last to be set. Two of these lines might be done away with by the selectmen ordering all wires on one set of poles; a line of 40 foot poles would carry all the wires of the telephone, electric light and electric road companies, and the arrangement could be adjusted conveniently for all concerned, so says an official of one of the local companies whose wires would he affected by the change, which he cordially recommends.

THE selectmen of Palmer will do well to have a sharp eye ont for the best interests of the town when it comes to a separation of the grades of the railroads and the highway at Burleigh's crossing, which it is understood will take place this year. There are now in the town four undesirable separations of grades, three of which are, to say the least, dangerous for horse drivers; all four could have been arranged so as to he equally advantageons for the railroads, and at the same time provide a much safer highway for users of horses. Don't give us another separation of which the town will be ashamed. The say-so in the matter may not lie with the selectmen, but they can "kick" vigorously over an undesirable plan if one is presented.

THE question of the time of intervention in Cuba may well be left to the president. He may have information which he has not made public and which may give the best of reasons for wishing to use his own discretion in the matter. The House, promptly on receipt of his message, passed resolntions favoring intervention, the establishment in Cuba of a free and indepeudent government, and authorizing the use of the army and navy if necessary to accomplish these ends, leaving the time to the president, in accordance with his wish. But the Senate resolutions stand for declaring the Cuban people independent, and "direct" the president to take "immediate" action. The Senate is debating these matters, and may not reach a decision until next week.

LITTLE by little the curfew law is gaining ground. Westfield at its annual town meeting expressed a strong sentiment in favor of such a law, and an ordinance to that effect has been introduced in the city council at North Adams. The Monson school committee recommends some such law for that town. From Indianapolis, where it has been in force for some time, comes the report that it is working so well that all the towns in the state of Indiana may adopt it soon; only a few arrests were necessary, and the law practically enforces itself. Palmer would not suffer from the adoption of such a law. There are nightly to be seen on the streets groups of young girls and boys taking their first initiation into hoodlumism or putting into practice lessons already learned. Their moral and physical natures and the moral tone of future generations would be much better were they at home and in bed.

THERE are few town officials anywhere, we venture to say, whose associates will voluntarily reduce their own salaries in order to retain the services and judgment of the other, yet that is what two members of Palmer's board of overseers of the poor recently did. The appropriation for their salaries at the annual town meeting was reduced $125, and the chairman, William Merriam, announcing that he could not, with self-respect, accept less than the $200 he had been getting, and that the two other members of the board could not afford to do their share of the work for the balance, provided he got $200, resigned. But the other members voluntarily agreed to do the work for what was left if Mr. Merriam would only remain on the board, and one stated that he would serve for nothiug rather than lose his colleague. It would be hard to pay a higher compliment to a man's efficiency. That Mr. Merriam is a valuable man on the board is agreed by all who have a close acquaintance with that department's affairs. His knowledge of the panper laws is not slight, and his record of every pauper which has come under the care of the town since his service, kept in a large book with minute exactness, has saved the town many, many dollars. Mr. Merriam has served ten years on the board, nine as chairman.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message on the Cuban situation was sent to Congress Monday noon. It was listened to with great attentiveness by the members of Congress and the crowded galleries. When it was finished there was applause on the part of some, while some groaned. Its recommendations were such as were anticipated by press dispatches. Intervention by force is favored, and authority for it is requested. The President asks that he may be authorized to take measnres to secure a full and final termination of hostilities between the government of Spain and the people of Cuba, and to secnre in the island the establishment of a stable government capable of maintaining order and observing its international obligations, and for permission to nse the military and naval forces of the United States as may be necessary for these purposes. He also recommends that the distribution of food and supplies be continued, and that an appropriation be made out of the public treasnry to supplement the charity of our citizens.

He does not favor recognizing the independence of Cnb, and argues against it with nnmerous historical citations. He does favor intervention, and states that the grounds may be summarized on the cause of humanity, the protection of the life and property of our citizens, the serious injury to commerce and trade, and the present conditiou of affairs in Cuba being a menace to our peace and entailing upon this country an enormous expense. In referring to the destruction of the Maine, he says that the national heart is filled with inexpressible sorrow, and grief and want have been brought to many homes. The court of inquiry states that a submarine mine caused the explosion, and though the responsibility is not fixed, it shows the condition of affairs existing in Cuba, where the Spanish government cannot assure safety and security to an American war vessel peacefully and rightfully there. He further says that the only hope of relief and repose from a condition which can no longer be endured, is the enforced withdrawal of Spain from Cuba. In the name of humanity, civilization and our endangered rights, the war in Cuba must stop.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, APRIL 14, 1898.

The great contest of the week has been over the hill to put telephone companies under the supervision of the gas and electric light commissioners. It was ordered to a third reading by a margin of 13 after the first debate in the House. Then it went to the foot of the calendar and by the time it reached the engrossing stage there had been an interval of over a week, and there had been plenty of time for the opposition to the bill to put in a great deal of work. This work was done in the most effective manner, but there is no reason to suppose that it was done corruptly. There were workers in the lobbies of the State House. The counsel for the New England Telegraph and Telegraph Company was there in person arguing with members to vote against the bill, and other workers were there in force. One representative of the company went to a town in the western part of the state to labor with the representative to change his vote, and succeeded. On passing the hill to be engrossed, there were 77 yeas to 81 nays. On Tuesday there was an effort to reconsider, but it was handicapped with the dislike of members to thrash over straw a second time. More than this, the member most interested for the bill insinuated that members had had their election expenses paid by the telephone companies. Of course members who were for the bill repelled such a charge against the integrity of the House, especially as there was not the slightest evidence offered. That cost votes, and reconsideration failed by the decisive vote of 78 to 105.

Yet it is to be presumed that this bill will pass in a year or two, or some bill for state supervision. It is in line with the settled policy of the state and it has gained substantial strength since last year. The leading Republican and Democratic members of the House are for it, and the tide sets in that direction; properly, too, for such great monopolies ought to be under state control.

For the fourth year the struggle is on for a separate board or bureau for the management of the child wards of the state. Every year the effort has been defeated. This year it looked as if the committee on public charitable institutions might report in its favor, but there was injected into the question the Catholic issne, so-called, whether parents had a right to the custody of their children against the policy of the state. A desire was expressed on the part of the Catholic influence that some recognition might be given to the wishes of parents. This introduced a religio-political aspect which turned a vote or two in the committee. Consequently the majority reported that no further legislation was necessary on the report of the special commission of 1896 to investigate the state charities, while five of the committee dissented. A substitute bill will he presented by the minority to provide for a state board of charities, to have oversight of all which the present board oversees, except the insane, who will he put under the new board to be created by a bill which is passing without opposition, while there will be proposed a separate board of trustees for the care of the children, this board to be under the oversight of the board of state charities. Of conrse the contest will be sharp, for the history of the case guarantees that, and it is impossible to say how it will come out.

The bill for the extermination of tuberculosis among cattle now stands in the form of allowing a maximum of $65 for any cow which is killed, and of making provision whereby healthy meat, if there is any, may be saved for human use. The excitement over the matter is not nearly as much as it was last year, whether hecanse tuberculosis is decreasing, or because the law is all right cannot be told from this end of the line.

Every year some new wrinkle is likely to come up for the dispatch of business. This year it has taken the form of a meeting by the House at 1 o'clock instead of 2, for the short time between the final reports of most of the committees and that of the few others who are numerous enough to demand attention, but which could not report in time. This gives them the forenoon for executive sessions and half an honr or more for lunch, and adds an hour to the session of the afternoon. After the committees have abont all reported, the hours will return to the old system of 10.30 for the forenoon and 2 for the afternoon.

The House has gone on record almost unanimously for the bill of Mr. Allen of Westfield to prohibit what is called co-insurance. This requires the person insured to carry part of the risk on his property, in case it is not insured up to 80 per cent of its value. He gets sneh proportion of the insurance money as the sum insured for is of 80 per cent of the value of the property. It was said that this system is applied only to mercantile risks, but it was shown that it is extending to real estate. The insurance companies were defended as doing only a sqnare business, and it is impossible to tell yet what will be the fate of the bill.

A probable logrolling scheme to get money for state highways for certain parts of the state was exposed in the House under peculiar circumstances. The scene opened with an apparent hot conflict between Messrs. Bennett of Saugus and Hayes of Lowell, but it was charged that they were really working together to get a state highway for their respective constituents. The House believed the charge and decided that snch highway matters shonld go through the commissioners' office, as the law provides.

The House witnessed a scene on Wednesday afternoon such as it never saw before. There was a debate upon a state highway in Sangus, for which Representative Bennett of that town offered a bill, but which the committee on roads and bridges opposed unanimously. Mr. Benuett took the matter to heart deeply. He became very much excited and charged falsehood upon the member who was opposed to him, and he threatened to break down the highway commission if favoritism was continued. He was twice called to order by Speaker Bates and warned that the case would bo brought before the House for action if he persisted. He was under an intense strain and after his second reproof broke down and shed tears. His voice failed him so that he could not go on, and the House, though it was an hour before adjournment, considerately adjourned on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, "in view of the distress of our friend." It was a distressing scene, hecanse Bennett is apparently one of the strongest and most forcible members of the House. He had got the House down on him by a large majority, and Speaker Bates would have been upheld if he had administered a severe reprimand, but the collapse of the strong fellow helped him ont for the time. He is a candidate for speaker, after Speaker Bates shall have served all he desires, but it is already evident that he has alienated so many members that he has no chance, unless there is a complete change in him hereafter.

The investigatiou into the gas sitnation in Boston proceeds with extreme slowness. There seems to be positive sympathy on the committee with the Whitney side of the case, and the gas commissioners are doing what they can for the benefit of the public. It is a complicated sitnation, worthy of the attentiou of the most astute lawyer in the state.

The House has given a divided vote upon the proposition to lay on the table the bills for revoking the charters of the pipe line company and the Boston gas light company respectively. They refused to give the former any standing, hnt have given standing to the latter. It seems probable that a reversal of the former position can be secnred and thereby the House made self-consistent. Otherwise, it will look as if Mr. Whitney had a strong grip on the House. Mr. Kenefick of Palmer is one of the members who stands up promptly against the gas ring.

LANDON.

PALMER NEWS.

HANGING DEAD ON THE ENGINE.

Man Killed by the Cars and Carried for Miles on the Pilot.

The fireman on the west bound mail train which passes Palmer at 9:20 without stopping made a grewsome discovery last Sunday evening as the train came within the glare of the electric street light near the freight yard. By the light of the arc lamp he saw a man hanging on the small flagstaff on his side of the engine's pilot. The train was stopped and the body taken into the baggage room at the station and a physician summoned. There was nothing that could be done for him however, for he had been dead some time and the body was already getting cold. Medical Examiner Holbrook was summoned and found that the man's neck was broken, also his left leg and thigh, and several ribs crushed in. There was also a cnt on the right side of the forehead over the eye, and although the skull was not fractured, it is probable that the man was not conscious after being struck. The man was evidently an Irishman, about 50 years of age, smeoth face and fairly good looking. He wore a good suit of clothes and a pair of good boots, and did not appear to be a tramp or a man given to excessive nse of liquor. There was a scar on his left cheek, and a small piece gone ont of the top of the right ear. There was nothing about the person which would give the slightest clue to his identity, and there is no means of knowing at what point on the line this side of Worcester the accident occurred, though it must have been some distance from Palmer, judging from the temperature of the body when it reached here, though in the position in which it was it would cool off quickly. The body was suspended from the iron flagstaff on the pilot, it having caught under the man's vest and held him up, though his feet were within a few inches of the rails. The body was placed in the tomb to await a possible claimant; if none appears it will be buried by the town.

Annual Fire District Meeting.

The annual meeting of the fire district was held in the conrt room Tnesday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended, there being 90 votes cast, against 14 last year. Considerable interest was centered in the meeting, and it was expected that several tickets would be in the field, but only one was presented, that of the firemen. H. C. Strong was chosen moderator. The reports of the various officers were read and accepted, and these appropriations were made: Water, $1200; firemen's salaries, $400; chief engineer's salary, $150; first assistant, $25; second assistant, $20; janitor, $96; engineer, $50; stoker, $25; coal, $40; contingencies, $200; salary of clerk and treasnrer, $50; clerk of prudential committee, $10; total, $2241. It was voted to add interest to all taxes not paid on or before October 1st, next. The treasurer was authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, the same to be paid from said taxes. The following officers were elected: Prudential committee, W. E. Stone, E. G. Hastings, Rufus Flynt; chief engineer, George A. Bills; first assistant, C. E Fuller; second assistant, Charles McManamy; clerk and treasurer, F. D. Barton; auditor, C. E. Fish. The officers are the same as those of last year, with the exception of second assistant, Charles McManamy succeeding A. E. Fitch. The report of Treasurer Barton showed the receipts of the year to have been $2267 05, and the expenditures $2186.82, leaving a balance in the treasury of $181 13. The report of Chief Bills showed that the department had been called out by 8 alarms for fires in the following places: May 13, 1897, Lynde's block; June 28, brush fire on land of H. Chapman; July 15, E. A. Buck & Co's. store; October 3, F. D. Barton's residence; October 22, E. B. Taylor's store; December 18, Palmer Carpet Mill; January 17, 1898, Holden & Fuller's mill; March 17, Central Massachnsetts Electric Company's plant. The fire department has in its charge one steamer, one hose carriage, jumper, hook and ladder truck, 2000 feet of hose, 11 alarm boxes and other necessary supplies.

A Man, a Keg, and Its Contents — A Tale With a Moral.

A Palmer man has invented a new bath for the complexion. It's beer. Not the kind that gets a man into trouble with the law,—though the user got into trouble enough with this compound,—but the good, wholesome, spring-tonic, hot-weather, cures-that-thirsty-feeling root beer. The man claims that his wife invented the compound, but no matter, he was the first to put it to the new use. They both wanted the root beer, and the feminine portion of the household got the "ingregencies" together and mixed them up in a small keg at noon, setting it in a back room. They wanted it as soon as possible, so she put in rather more than the usnal amount of yeast. The wife says she only doubled the amount; the husband says that nothing short of a gallon could have produced the effect that greeted him when he went to move the keg at night. When the bung of that keg came ont, just as he was stooping over it, the explosion under the Maino paled into insignificance. Beer came at him in a solid stream; he dodged, but the beer dodged the same way; it gurgled up in his face and ran down inside his collar; It hit the ceiling and dripped down the back of his neck; he tried to stop it by putting his foot over the hole and the stuff ambled gaily up his trousers' leg; he tried his hand over the openiug but the combination slid gaily through his fingers and sought snch portions of his anatomy as were up to that time undecorated. Then he gave it up, just as the last of the beer made its appearance and the little froth that remained looked innocently up at him out of the empty hole and winked. That back room was a sight; the man was another. And to make matters worse his wife laughed when she saw him. What he said will positively, under no circumstances whatever, never be revealed. His remarks were short, but by no means uncertain in their tenor. Then he went and took a bath, and the next brew of spring medicine was concocted under his personal supervision.

Sons of Veterans' Camp Fire.

C. W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, held a camp fire in Memorial Hall last evening. A large number of townspeople were present and delegations of Sons of Veterans from Ware and Monson were in attendance. Past Captain L. H. Hendee presided. The exercises were opened with a piano solo by Miss Jennie Bray, followed by the address of welcome by the presidiug officer. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Bessie Royce, after which E. E. Hobson spoke upon the subject, "Worthy sons of worthy sires," followed by a hanjo solo by Miss Carrie Fish. Col. L. C. Couch of Taunton, commander of the Massachusetts division of Sons of Veterans, was then introduced and spoke very interestingly. A solo was then sung by C. S. Wood, and Miss Harriet Coleman read a poem in memory of the sailors of the Maine. All the musical and literary nnmbers on the programme were very pleasingly rendered and much enjoyed by those present. After the entertainment refreshments were served and a social time, with dancing, was passed.

Methodist Conference Appointments.

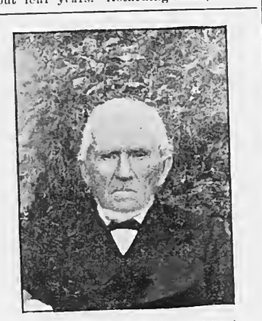
The session of the New England conference at Worcester closed Monday. The following assignments were made to the churches in the nearby towns: Belchertown and Dwights, G. W. Bell; Bondsville, H. G. Alley; Hampden, J. W. Eltzholz; Ludlow, N. M. Caton; Monson, A. R. Nichols; Wales, A. L. Camp; Ware, J. W. Fulton; Warren, Wesley Wiggin; West Warren, not decided; Wilbraham, W. H. Thomas. J. O. Knowles was appointed presiding elder of this district. R. E. Smith, who has been at Bondsville for the past two years, goes to Spencer, and Fayette Nichols, who has been at Wilbraham, goes to Westboro.

DEATH OF "UNCLE" JESSE MORSE.

The Passing of a Man Beloved and Respected by All.

Jesse Morse, familiarly known as "Uncle" Jesse, died at his home in South Belchertown yesterday morning from the effects of old age. His death is regretted by many friends, who have known and loved him for many years.

The deceased was born in Uxbridge in December, 1805, and was the son of Joseph Morse. When he was four years old his father bought a farm in South Belchertown and moved his family there. He received his education in the district school of that town, being taught the studies common in that day. At the age of 15 he left school and assisted his father about the farm until he was 21, when he went to Chicopee Falls, where he was employed in a cotton mill for about four years. Returning home, he was



"UNCLE" JESSE MORSE of Belchertown, Who died yesterday at the age of 92.

married to Harriet A. White of Ware. She died about 9 years after her marriage. He was married a second time, taking for a wife Miss Julia Jepson of Westfield. They lived together 35 years, when Mrs. Morse died, leaving her husband with one daughter, Hattie, who died a number of years ago. In politics Mr. Morse was a Democrat till the election of W. H. Harrison, when he changed and united with the Republican party. He never filled any public office, with the exception of that of selectman. He always exercised his right of citizenship, and when over 90 years of age was on hand early at the polls. "Uncle" Jesse became a Christian in 1827, and has always looked upon that as the most important event in his life. He attended the "old sanctnary" in South Belchertown until it was burned abont 25 years ago; since that time he has attended the Methodist church at Bondsville. He was very active in the church, and when nearly ninety attended its services with great regularity, and his voice was heard correspondingly in prayer and speech. He lived about a mile from the church, and has stated that he has walked the distance times enough to cover the distance between America and England.

"Uncle" Jesse was very fond of telling anecdotes, and many entertaining ones he could tell of olden times. His long and faithful Christian life greatly impressed the people who knew him, and the mention of his name or the sight of his calm face always deeply moved them. Everyone respected and loved him, and all know that he has had an abundant entrance into that world where there has been a mansion prepared for him these many years.

The Churches' Easter Services.

Easter was appropriately observed in all the churches Sunday. Beautiful and tasteful decorations of flowers were in evidence, and special music was rendered by all the church choirs. At the Congregational church the pastor discussed the meaning of the resurrection of Christ. The music was given in an admirable manner, solos by Mrs. Rufus Flynt, Miss Bessie Royce and Messrs. McGregory, Wood and Brown being especially deserving of praise. At the Universalist church in the morning an appropriate and helpful sermon was preached by Rev. O. G. Petrie, and the choir rendered an Easter programme of music. In the evening at both of these churches there were concerts by the Sunday school children, which were well attended. At the Baptist church in the morning the pastor preached upon "The resurrection story," and a choir of children rendered Easter carols. In the evening there was a preaching service by Dr. C. A. Spaulding of Boston, and 13 persons were baptized. At St. Thomas's Catholic church the Easter celebration was of the usnal imposing character. Early mass was observed at 8.30, and high mass at 10 30, special music being rendered by the choir. In the evening at 7:30 there was a vesper service, with special music by the choir.

Mrs. W. W. Leach is visiting friends in Somerville.

Miss Mary Dowd has accepted a position in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Cambridge Monlton spent Sunday in Boston.

The schools will resnme their sessions next Wednesday.

Fred Gunn of Worcester was the guest of his mother over Sunday.

Miss Iva Smith of Worcester is visiting her father, William Smith.

A band of gypsies is camped in the woods near the Burleigh crossing.

H. E Siske returned to Boston Monday to resnme his medical duties.

Master Clayton Maxwell is visiting his grandparents at Silver Street.

Dr. G. H. Wilkins attended a medical meeting in Boston Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shaw spent Easter Sunday and Monday in Boston.

James Fenton of the Converse House is visiting J. P. Lynde of Taunton.

Miss Nellie G. Finnerty visited relatives in Springfield the first of the week.

Miss Elizabeth Henighan is spending the week with her sister in Springfield.

Miss May Wilder is visiting her cousin, Miss Margaret Rohan, in Springfield.

Robert Studley of Springfield was the guest of Harold Brainerd Wednesday.

F. W. Thomas of the C. V. freight house leaves to-morrow for a vacation in Boston.

Mrs. G. A. Rice and children have returned from a visit with relatives in Lowell.

Mrs. H. C. Strong and daughter Grace are visiting Mrs. Cornelius Wilson in Hartford.

Mrs. A. V. Abbey of Springfield has been a guest at the home of H. S. Hobson this week.

The residence of W. W. Converse on the corner of Park and School streets is being painted.

A. B. Cowan of Hartford, Ct., a former resident and shoe dealer, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. J. B. Leedham, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. C. Hunt, left for Chicago Wednesday.

These letters are advertised at the post office: Rutherford B. Hays, N. A. Miliken, J. N. Stimson.

Miss Ada Wing of Providence, R. I., spent Sunday at the home of her parents on North Main street.

Misses May Hopkins and Vera Tryon have gone to North Dana, where they have taken positions in a hat shop.

Mrs. G. W. Ramlall of Denver, Col., a former resident of Palmer, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

There will be a regular meeting of C. W. Cross camp, Sons of Veterans, in Memorial Hall next Tnesday evening.

Mrs. H. E Ware, who has been spending the winter in Palmer, has returned to her home in North Anson, Me.

George Adams, Clifford Henry, Forest Whiton and Clifton Holson took a bicycle trip to Athol this week and visited friends.

The house of Supt. C. D. Shepard of the electric road on Thorndike street has been connected with the local telephone exchange.

Mrs. William French and Miss Lola Fay French of Brooklyn, N. Y., were guests of Miss Josie L. Fay the first of the week.

The continued case of Mrs. Cornelia H. M. Blanchard for cruelty to animals will come before the district court to-morrow morning.

Mrs. A. M. Smith and daughters, who have been spending the winter in Worcester, have returned to their Thorndike street home.

A regular meeting of L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., was held in Memorial Hall Wednesday evening, two comrades being mustered in.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning there will be preaching by Rev. C. R. Minard. Subject, "Thoroughness necessary to success."

The double tenement house of C. W. Johnson on Foster avenue is being treated to a coat of paint. A. J. Hawkes is doing the work.

The New England Guards Band of the Salvation Army passed through Palmer yesterday on its way to Munson, where it is to hold services.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach Sunday morning on "A new era." In the evening his subject will be "Sunshine in the soul."

The grand officers of the Royal Arcanum will pay a visit to Quaboag Council next Tuesday evening. A collation will follow the visitation exercises.

Dr. S. H. Ellery spent a portion of the week in New York city. Selectman G. M. Atkins was also in New York several days this week on a business trip.

Work on the gravel filtering beds connected with the sewer system at the epileptic hospital has been commenced. C. T. Brainerd has charge of the work.

A Christian Endeavor convention will be held in Springfield next Tuesday. A delegation from the endeavor society of the Congregational church will attend.

The selectmen have received two additional applications for licenses of the 6th class, A. P. Adams of Thorndike and Lymaun L. Keith of Three Rivers being the applicants.

A number of chickens and hens belonging to John Wade were on exhibition in the window of Foley's grocery store the first of the week, and attracted considerable attention.

Mrs. C. E. Fish, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Charles Gilchrist of Boston, left to-day on the Raymond excursion to Washington, D. C., and Old Point Comfort. They will be gone ten days.

C. L. Amidon of Silver Street has a night-blooming cereus which produced a handsome blossom the first of the week, a rare thing for a plant of this kind to do at this time of the year.

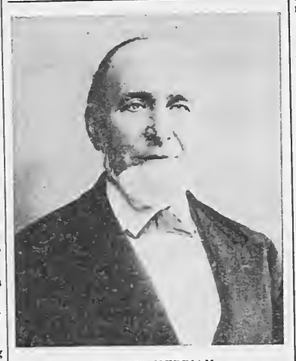
H. S. Hobson has his models of the warships Kearsarge and Alabama, in their celebrated fight off Cherbourg, at the war relic exhibition being held in Springfield by E. K. Wilcox post, G. A. R.

The subject next Thursday evening at the Congregational church will be "The filling of the Holy Spirit." All who wish may secure free at the church on Sunday copies of Mr. Meyer's booklet on that subject.

The Prohibitionists of Hampden county will hold a conference in Evangelist hall, Springfield, next Wednesday, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Among the speakers will be O. A. Parent of Bondsville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Merriam attended a meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Relief Officers at the Thorndike hotel, Boston, Wednesday. On their return Mrs. Merriam stopped off at Worcester to visit relatives.

"Side Tracked," by the A. Q. Scammon company, will be the attraction at the opera house this evening. This company has been here before in this production, and has always pleased. It will no donbt be largely attended.



WILLIAM MERRIAM,
Chairman of Palmer's Overseers of the Poor.

Someone attending the camp fire of the Sons of Veterans last evening, mistook their overcoat, wearing home one belonging to another person and leaving theirs. The mistake will be rectified if the party will leave the coat at the JOURNAL office.

An entertainment for the benefit of the high school athletic association was held in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening, a very pleasing musical and literary programme being rendered. The association will clear abont $15 as a result of the entertainment.

The selectmen advertiso in another column to give a hearing on the first Monday in May on the petition of the Standard Oil Company to locate a tank for the storage of refined petroleum on the property of Charles Burns, adjoining Water street.

The body of Mrs. Lanra West was brought from Boston Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held in the Thorndike Congregational church, interment being in the cemetery at Four Corners. Mrs. West was a former citizen of Palmer, and was the daughter of the late Smith Hastings.

The following pupils of room 3 in the grammar school building in this village were perfect in attendauce during the term ending April 1st: Harold L. Atkins, John M. Blanchard, E. Robert Barton, Laura S. Bressette, Hazel B. Caryl, Thomas J. Conroy, Hazel A. Dillon, Thomas Duffy.

The spring opening at D. L. Bodfish's store last Saturday was a great success. All the afternoon and evening his store was thronged with people, it being estimated that from five to six hnndred people attended the opening. A handsome souvenir spoon of the battleship Maine was given each customer, and refreshments were served in the carpet room upstairs.

The barn of William Merriam on Pleasant street is being repaired and fitted up, and will be occupied by W. W. Converse for the manufacture of his mineral paste for the polishing of silver, etc. The salo of Mr. Converse's paste is meeting with such an increased demand that he finds it necessary to secnre larger quarters than those he now occupies on Pleasant street.

The many expressions of praise for Electric Lustre Starch that have reached us, as well as the liberal orders for it, makes it sure that our efforts to supply our customers with the best, regardless of expense to us, is thoroughly appreciated. C. HITCHCOCK & Co.

The engine of the evening train on the North Brookfield branch of the Boston and Albany railroad, in charge of Engineer John Hellfwell, formerly of Palmer, jumped the track Sunday evening when about two miles from North Brookfield. The engine broke from the train and went into a ditch 25 feet below the track. It was reported that Mr. Hellfwell sustained serious injuries, but his many friends here will be pleased to hear that he escaped minjured.

The springling cart, which was owned and run by Walter Williams last year, made its first appearance Saturday afternoon. It has been repaired and painted. It is the intention of Mr. Williams to run the cart this summer, provided he can secure a sufficient number of subscriptions to make it an object for him to do so. The watering of the streets is something that is appreciated by the public and merchants, and a sufficient amount of money should be subscribed.

The selectmen will award the licenses next week. Considerable speculation is made as to the lucky ones, and some changes are expected, it being currently reported that T. J. Clifford at Thorndike and L. W. Caryl at Palmer will not get renewals, though how much dependence can be placed on the assertions remains to be seen. Of course the selectmen are saying nothing officially, but from a remark made by one of them this week it is evident that the board is not unanimous for the present holders.

A district convention of the King's Daughters will be held in the Congregational church next Monday, with afternoon and evening sessions, to which the public are cordially invited. The afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock and the evening session at 7. Tea will be served at the church. The state secretary, Mrs. Eliza Trask Hill of Boston, and the county secretary, Mrs. J. G. Flagg of Springfield, will be present and have charge of the convention. Mrs. Hill will speak at both sessions.

Four "drunks" graced the dock in the district court Monday morning, and faced Judge McFarland. Three of them were Poles from Three Rivers who were arrested Sunday by Officer Manning. Two of them paid fines of $10, while the other, not having the wherewithal, was sent up for sixty days. It is something unusual for a Pole to be sent up for non-performance of sentence. The other drunk was arrested in this village Saturday evening by Officer Conroy. He was given thirty days in the house of correction.

THORNDIKE.

Mrs. G. A. Murdock is visiting at Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Bennett of Warren has been the guest of the Misses Hartnett for a few days this week.

A lexington ball will be held at Union Hall next Monday evening. Music by Clark and Dean's orchestra of Ware.

The three-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cadeiux of Church street died on Monday after a brief illness. The funeral was held on Thursday.

D. F. Sullivan of Millbury has been visiting at his home here the past week, having come to attend the Knights of Columbus ball at Ware on Wednesday evening.

Sugrue's record in Saturday's game against the Springfields at Danbury, Ct., was one run, two base hits, thirteen putouts, one assist, one sacrifice hit, no errors.

A large number of Thorndike people attended the Knights of Columbus ball which was held at Ware on Wednesday evening. All report a delightful time.

Mrs. Ellen Mack, an old resident, died on Monday after a lingering illness. The funeral took place at Wednesday. The burial was at Ware, and was largely attended.

Flora, the four-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Messier, died on Monday afternoon, having been ill only a few days with diphtheria. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Messier have the sympathy of many friends in their sad affliction.

While John Connor and a companion were out fishing one day this week Connor met with rather a peculiar accident. His companion, while in the act of throwing his line into the water, caught Connor in the cheek with the hook. It was removed however without any serious results.

Chabot—Vignault.

The marriage of Ben. Vignault, a well-known young man who is employed in Kelley & Walker's store, to Miss Ora Chabot, took place on Monday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Anne's church, Three Rivers. Miss Rosie Chabot, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and William Porter of Three Rivers was best man. The bride was dressed in a handsome gown of white cashmere with silk lavendar trimmings; the bridesmaid wore a dress of the same material. A reception was held at the bride's home on Commercial street after the ceremony. In the evening the party adjourned to Union Hall, where dancing was in order until a late hour. Mr. and Mrs. Vignault were the recipients of many handsome gifts.

THREE RIVERS.

Mrs. R. C. Newell is confined to the house by illness.

Corbin Newell is spending his vacation in Union, Ct.

Clifford Saunders has been dangerously sick, but is recovering.

Mrs. Willis Fuller of Ludlow visited Mrs. James Campbell this week.

Harley Kendrick of Amherst is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. B. Kendrick.

W. E. Twogood is to move his family into the house formerly occupied by J. H. Trickett.

Miss Eva Forte of Springfield, a former resident, visited with friends in town on Saturday.

Mrs. C. W. Richards of Springfield visited her sister, Mrs. Prosper Howard, on Wednesday.

T. Dunnelle, a boiler tender in the Palmer Mill, had a fall last week which keeps him from his work.

A collection for the benefit of foreign missions will be taken next Sunday morning in the Union church.

Misses Alice Gilbert and Lizzie Armour have resigned their positions in the cloth room of the Palmer Mill.

William Shaw of Boston, secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, preached in the Union church on Sunday.

James Chapman of West Warren has obtained a position as night watchman in the mill, and will soon move his family to this place.

Mrs. F. W. Lavine returned home this week from the House of Mercy Hospital, Springfield, where she has been for three weeks.

Freel Serrard of this place and Rosalma Archambault of Thorndike were married by Rev. Father Deroche of this place on Monday.

John Procter has a new Silver King bicycle, Richard Russell and Walter Russell have new Spaldings, and Alice Lupien a Crescent.

The first baseball game of the season was played Saturday afternoon on the ball ground between nines representing the Palmer Mill cloth room and the loalers. Score: 5 to 4 in favor of the Loafers.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10 45 a. m., subject: "If Christ be not raised, what then?" Also at 7 p. m., subject, "Christ and the sword; or, Does Christianity justify war?"

Both the Baptist and Union churches have had lecture courses dnring the past winter, and the people have showed their appreciation by their attendance. The last lecture of the season was given in the Union church on Tuesday evening by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot of South Framingham, field secretary of the Home Missionary Society; subject: "When I was born."

BONDSVILLE.

Pansies in full bloom 35c. dozen. H. L. RYTHER.

Albert N. Southwick of New York visited friends here the first of the week.

Miss Mary F. Twiss has sold her notion and periodical store to Miss Mary Sullivan.

Mrs. George Bray and daughter of Palmer were guests of Mrs. C. D. Holden Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Colburn has gone to Lowell, where she will visit her parents for some time.

Miss Katie Quirk of Holyoke visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Quirk, over Sunday.

Mrs. P. L. Sullivan will sell her farm and buildings in South Belchertown at auction to-morrow morning.

Mrs. J. F. Hannilh and children of Springfield visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carmody, yesterday.

Miss Sadie Martin of Norwich, Ct., has been spending a few days with her friend, Miss Bessie Alexander.

Miss Vertino Aldrich of Amherst has been spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Marion Knowlton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Woods and family of Chicopee are visiting Mrs. Woods's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holden.

James Fitzgerald of Chicopee Falls visited friends here over Sunday, making the trip on his new Victor bicycle.

Daniel Shea commenced this week on his new house in South Belchertown. The frame has been raised and boarded.

S. S. Merrifield of Springfield visited his mother, Mrs. L. W. Merrifield, over Sunday. Mr. Merrifield is at present employed in the armory.

C. P. Page has a new horse on his business wagon, and John J. Conway has a new driving horse, purchased of Ralph Clifford of Monson.

A group of about a dozen wheelwomen were photographed by C. D. Holden Tuesday afternoon. Some of the ladies are becoming quite expert riders.

W. J. Knowlton is meeting with good success in his new bicycle business, the only drawback being the difficulty in getting wheels from the factory to fill orders.

Mrs. E. F. Stone returned last week from Augusta, Maine, where she has been spending a few weeks with relatives, and has been confined to the house by a severe attack of grippe since coming home.

The Union Hotel property will be sold by sheriff's sale Monday, May 16th, to satisfy the claim of a local creditor of A. Grise, the former proprietor of the house, unless the claim is settled before that time.

Rev. R. E. Smith, who has been pastor of the local M. E. church for the past two years, has been transferred to Spencer for the coming year, and Rev. H. G. Alley of Shelburne Falls has been appointed to this place. Mr. Smith and family moved to Spencer yesterday. Owing to Mr. Smith's removal there will be a vacancy on the school committee, which will have to be filled by appointment.

Two applications have been made for licenses to sell liquor in South Belchertown, one by Garvey & Son to sell in the Union Hotel, and the other by Sullivan & Company to sell in the building next to the hotel, belonging to Michael Sullivan. It is probable that only one of the parties will secure a license, as it is understood that one will be issued on the hill. Contrary to expectations, there was only one application from Bondsville. It had been reported that there would be at least two, but for some reason the others dropped out.

A SOUVENIR SPOON

Of the Battleship Maine Given with a Pound of Coffee at Foley's.

The recent loss of the U S. Battleship Maine while lying at anchor in the harbor of Havana, and the untimely death of nearly three hnndred of her brave crew is still fresh in the minds of the people, though events of importance have since transpired regarding Cuban affairs and our Spanish relations are so strained as to make war seem almost certain. And the memory of the Maine and her dead will ever remain. In numerous ways the people of this country are honoring the memory of the ship and her crew, many of whom now sleep beneath the murky waters of Havana harbor. The people of Palmer feel keenly the loss of the ship, and their desire to honor her crew is just as fervent as the people of any town. Arrangements have been made whereby they can become the possessors of a beautiful souvenir spoon, with a picture of the battleship engraved upon the bowl From the date of this notice and during next week J. F. Foley, the grocer, will give each purchaser of a pound of coffee,—his special blended Java and Mocha brand,—one of these beautiful spoons. Nothing further regarding the coffee need be said than it is a blended Java and Mocha, that popular coffee, with which he has been giving a cup and sancer, which fact assures its excellence. The price of the coffee is 25 cents a

Forbes & Wallace.

Springfield, April, 1898.

Crayon Portraits.

We have begun to take orders for crayon portraits, being in a position to promise excellent work at a remarkable price.

This is the proposition:

A permanent crayon portrait from any good picture, in a four or five-inch Florentine oak, Florentine gilt, or Florentine white and gilt frame, with three-inch mat, size of frame 20 by 24 inches, size of picture 14 by 18 inches—and the price—

$3.75 !

But, there, we are almost sorry we permitted that price to be seen in type. Now you will think that the pictures will be poor, and the frames trashy. Please do not judge by the price. Bring in your pictures, and see a sample of the work.

Tapestry Carpets

75 cent goods

59c per yard !

This offering is just a week old, and as a consequence many a room hereabouts has a bright and new floor covering to-day.

Twelve patterns of the best quality ten-wire tapestry carpets are down to 59c per yard.

These are the best ten-wire —regular 75c goods—and not a poor pattern in the lot.

Mattings - -

another bargain !

All part-rolls of 40 and 50c mattings at 25c a yard. Make no mistake. Every roll of 40c and 50c matting, that has been cut from, goes at 25c per yard. These are the finest Chinese and Japanese goods. Lengths up to 30 yards.

Costumes

Fine, all-wool, black serge suits, fly-front jacket style, lined all through with cerise or light blue silk, regular $18 value, at

$12 each !

No question but that this is the biggest suit offering of the season. The opportunity must be seized quickly.

Millinery

We can make a great many new hats to order this week, but the demand is likely to be great —near the close of the week especially. That being the case, give us your order early so that we may have plenty of time, and please you to the utmost.

Forbes & Wallace,

Main, Vernon and Pynchon Streets,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and other Persons liable to pay Taxes in the Town of Palmer for the Year 1898:

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive at the Town House on Monday, the second day of May next, the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town are hereby notified to bring into us true and perfect lists of all polls (males twenty years old and upwards), and schedules and estimates of the Personal and Real Estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate situated within this town may bring in to the undersigned Assessors, within the time above specified, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such Real Estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest as a Mortgagor or Mortgagee therein. When only a part of the property described in any mortgage is situated within this town, an estimate of the amount of a Mortgagee's interest in such part; or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the Mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement.—Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1882.

CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE PUBLIC STATUTES.

SECTION 14. "When any person has an interest in taxable real estate, as holder of a duly recorded mortgage, given to secure the payment of money, the amount of which is fixed and certain, the amount of his interest as Mortgagee shall be assessed as Real Estate in the place where the land lies; and the Mortgagor shall be assessed only for the value of said Real Estate after deducting the assessed value of such Mortgagee's interest therein. When such property is situated in two or more places, the amount of the Mortgagee's interest to be assessed in each place shall be proportioned to the assessed value in the respective places of the mortgaged Real Estate, deducting therefrom the taxable amount of prior mortgages, if any therein."

SECTION 15. "If any holder of such a mortgage fails to file in the Assessors' office a statement under oath of all his estate liable to taxation under the preceding section, including a statement of the full amount remaining unpaid upon such a mortgage and of his interest therein, the amount stated in the mortgage shall be conclusive as to the extent of such interest; but the Mortgagee's interest in such real estate shall not be assessed at a greater sum than the fair cash valuation of the land and structures thereon or affixed thereto; and the amount of a mortgage interest in an estate that has been divided after the creation of such mortgage shall not be required to be apportioned upon the several parts of such estate except as provided in sections eighty-one to eighty-three inclusively."

SECTION 16. "Mortgagors and Mortgagees referred to in the two preceding sections shall, for the purpose of taxtion, be deemed joint owners until the Mortgagee takes possession; and until such possession is taken by the first Mortgagee, the Assessors or the Collector of Taxes, upon application to any one of them, shall give to any such Mortgagee or Mortgagor a tax bill showing the whole tax on the mortgaged estate and the amount included in the valuation thereof as the interests of each Mortgagee and of the Mortgagor respectively. If the first Mortgagee is in possession he shall be deemed sole owner; and any other Mortgagee in possession shall be deemed joint owner with prior mortgagees."

When a statement in conformity to the law above quoted is brought in, the Real Estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter Eleven of Public Statutes. But in cases where the Mortgagor of the Real Estate has agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either Mortgagee or Mortgagor, unless requested by the Assessors in writing.

JOHN O. HAMILTON, H. T. BISHOP, A. A. WARRINER, } Assessors of Palmer.

Palmer, Mass., April 14, 1898.

FOR ALL KINDS OF JOB PRINTING CALL AT THE JOURNAL OFFICE.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED

By the Committee for the Voters to Make Next Monday.

The committee appointed at the annual town meeting to make recommendations regarding the appropriations for the year held a meeting in Memorial Hall Tuesday afternoon. There were but few other than the committee present to make suggestions, so most of the recommendations are the same as last year. The adjourned meeting will be held next Monday, and the committee will recommend the following:

For the support of schools, $12,125, divided as follows: Teachers' salaries, $5800; Academy tuitions, $2800; fuel, $500; janitors, $450; supplies, $900; repairs, $400; superintendent's salary, $525; committee service, $150; transportation, $500; incidentals, $100. Also for highway and bridges, $4000; support of poor, $1700; miscellaneous, $3000. These are the same amounts as last year. For the public library $300 is recommended; discount on taxes, $1300; sidewalks, $500, to be expended at the discretion of the selectmen; street lights, $1575, with the recommendation that the selectmen be instructed to demand that the service shall be more constant and satisfactory than in the past; cemetery purposes, $400, $100 less than last year; G. A. R. post for Memorial Day, $100. Under

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to finish the sidewalk already commenced on Margaret street, and extend the same to the residence of George E. Tucker and Son, and raise and appropriate money for the same,

They will recommend that the sidewalk be completed on Margaret street from Thompson street to Mark Noble's corner on High street, that the bridge on Margaret street be extended so as to straighten the walk, and that $150 be raised for the purpose, the abuttors to pay one-half the cost of the concrete laid on the line of their premises. Under

ART. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to grade, widen and harden the road from the foot of the hill near the residence of John W. Brown to an oak tree near the residence of Wm. Sutcliffe,

The sum of $125 will be recommended. Under

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to finish grading Highland avenue,

The sum of $250 will be recommended. As no one was present to make known the needs of the fire department, under

ART. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the expense of the Monson Fire Department for the ensuing year, or make some other provisions for its maintenance,

The sum of $300 will be recommended, the same as last year. The committee will recommend $225 for the purchase of a road scraper, but that the articles relating to the enlargement of the stage in Memorial Hall and the purchasing of a portable stone crusher be passed over for this year.

Death of Mrs. Calvin S. Pease.

Julia M. White, 66, wife of Calvin S Pease and one of Monson's oldest residents, died at her home on Pease avenue yesterday afternoon at 3 30 of paralysis. She had been in ill health for the past three years, yet her condition had not been considered dangerous until recently. She leaves, besides a husband, one daughter, Mrs. O C. McCray, and one brother, A. H. White, both of this place. The deceased was born in Monson on what is known as the David Anderson place, and was married on April 27th, 1850, to Calvin S. Pease, by Rev. H. Oles, he being the first minister of the Methodist church and they the first couple married in the church. The funeral will be held at the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock; Rev. Harry Blackford will officiate.

Grace Needham spent Sunday at her home in Wales.

Edward Peck of Worcester is visiting his father, C. L. Peck.

Miss Grace Ferry of Palmer is visiting Miss Lottie Nason.

The Current Events Club met with Mrs. H. Merchant this afternoon.

Dr. N. W. Rand attended a medical meeting in Boston Wednesday.

Dr. F. E. Greene and wife of Boston spent Easter at Dr. George E. Fuller's.

Miss Fannie Perkins of Poquonnock Bridge, Ct., is visiting Mrs. E. C. Bradway.

Mrs. J. M. Bell of Norwich, Ct., a former resident, is visiting at David B. Needham's.

Mrs. Esther Russell returned Monday from a week's visit at her home in West Stafford, Ct.

Charles L. Ricketts of South Manchester, Ct., spent Easter at his home in South Monson.

Prof. J. S. R. Coy expects to give a musical in Ware at an early date, assisted by his pupils.

A. W. Merchant of Providence, R. I., spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Merchant.

Miss Esther Holmes and Miss Mabelle Anderson entertained their Sunday school classes Saturday evening.

A party of young people will attend the presentation of "Side Tracked" at the opera house in Palmer this evening.

Henry Needham of Westfield spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Needham, on Harrison avenue.

About a dozen members of A. A. Gage camp, Sons of Veterans, attended a camp fire given at Palmer last evening.

Prof. J. S. R. Coy will give a musical in the Universalist church Friday evening, April 29th, assisted by his pupils.

Charles H. Webb returned Monday to the Boston Dental College, after spending a week at his home on Bridge street.

Mrs. John Leahy attended the funeral of her brother, Dr. Thomas H. Rafferty, at Stafford Springs Wednesday morning.

A. A. Gage camp, Sons of Veterans, will hold a special meeting next Tuesday night, when important business will come before the camp.

E. B. Converse has moved his household goods from Cushman street to his farm recently purchased of A. M. Guilford on the Hampden road.

Miss Gertrude Gage, who has been spending her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gage, returned Monday to Wellesley College.

A special meeting of the Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Universalist church will be held at Mrs. George W. Seymour's next Thursday evening at 7 30.

The Monson and Palmer stage waits at Palmer for the 5 20 p. m. train from Boston, now, making its arrival in Monson about half an hour later than heretofore.

W. C. Nelson of the Massachusetts Normal Art School, Boston, is spending his Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Nelson, in South Monson.

Rev. Father Wrenn of West Warren, a former curate at St. Patrick's church of this place, will give an illustrated lecture on the Bible in Memorial Hall next Wednesday evening at 7.45.

Willard Darling, machinist at R. M. & Theodore Reynolds's woolen mills, burst a blood vessel in his side Monday morning while dressing, from which he lost a large quantity of blood. He was attended by Dr. G. E. Fuller. His present condition is not considered serious, but he will not be able to attend to his duties for some time.

H. D. Moulton and Frank Bliss have bought the street sprinkler of Eugene J. Foskit, and are soliciting subscriptions among the business people and those residing on the principal streets. As soon as a sufficient amount has been subscribed they will commence to run it, as the streets are getting quite dusty. Five stand pipes have been erected at the same places as last year.

A horse owned by W. H. Anderson ran away yesterday morning. Mr. Anderson was filling in the land recently purchased by him on State street, when the horse took fright at the noise of the cart and took a lively run up State and Washington streets, turning into the yard of Mrs Mary Gallivan next to the depot, where it remained until the arrival of its owner. Neither horse nor cart were injured

R. C. Millar sold his household goods at public auction Monday afternoon, nearly everything selling at an unreasonably low price. Mr. and Mrs. Millar and son Clifford left Wednesday night for Portland, Oregon, where Mr. Millar has accepted a traveling position with the Standard Oil Co. It is with much regret that their many friends learn of their departure, yet they wish them the best of success in their new home.

The Salvation Army Band arrived in town Wednesday with twelve members. The band paraded the streets Wednesday afternoon and will give an out door concert each evening during the stay here. Meetings were held in the Methodist church Wednesday evening and last night, and were largely attended. It is uncertain how long the band will remain in Monson, but probably two or three weeks; during some of the time services will be held in the Congregational church.

The annual meeting of the Universalist parish was held at the church Monday night. The reports of the clerk and treasurer were read and accepted. The following officers and committees were elected for the coming year: Clerk, William L. Ricketts; treasurer, Charles W. King; parish committee, Arthur D. Ellis, William J. Ricketts, George A. Harvey, A A Babbitt and Eugene Howlett; music committee, W. J. Ricketts and Mrs. Lillian L. Chapin; auditors, George W. Seymour, A. A. Babbitt.

G. O Fletcher, agent of the state board of education, spent Monday in town visiting the village schools. He expressed much satisfaction, saying that the work showed careful supervision and intelligent teaching in the various schools. Music and drawing came in for their share of praise. The school committee of the Monson-Brimfield district met this afternoon to elect a superintendent. Although the JOURNAL went to press before the result was known, it is hoped that Mrs. Jackson, who has served the town so well in that capacity for six years, will continue the work this year.

Easter was appropriately observed in the different churches Sunday, the ministers all preaching special sermons for the occasion except at the Methodist church, where no service was held in the morning, owing to the pastor, Rev. A. R. Nichols, being in Worcester attending conference. Special music was prepared in each of the churches for the morning services, and in the evening concerts were given in the Universalist, Congregational and Methodist churches, where there were large attendances. The churches were handsomely decorated, the decorations being principally Easter lilies, palms and potted plants.

The Easter ball given in Memorial Hall Tuesday evening was not as well attended as usual, and the seven young men under whose management it was gotten up had to put their hands into their pockets to make the financial part balance. A number were present from Leverett, Amherst, Palmer, Stafford Springs and Willimantic, in fact a good portion of the gentlemen present were from out of town. The concert program consisted of six numbers. The music by Harry E. Brigham's orchestra was, as usual, first-class, both during the concert and for the dance. The grand march was led by William H. Burdick and sister, Miss Lillian Burdick, followed by about thirty couples. Henry F. Miller was floor director.

Academy Notes.

These officers have been elected by the 1900 class: President, Ralph Needham; vice president, Miss Bessie Taylor; secretary, Miss Mahelle Crocker; treasurer, Arthur Clements.

The athletic association held a meeting at the Academy Thursday afternoon, and voted to have a trainer. A committee of which R. P. Gavin is chairman was appointed to secure the same.

The class of 99 has elected these officers for the term: President, Ralph Morris; vice president, Miss Grace Rathburn; secretary, Miss Fannie Bradway; treasurer, J. S. Nelligan; sergeant-at-arms, Leon Hatch.

The following officers have been elected by the Philomathean society: President, Miss Wilhelmina L. Larson; vice president, Miss Maud Aldrich; secretary, Miss Helen Pease; treasurer, Miss Florence Cushman.

The Linophilian society has elected the following officers for the spring term: President, Arthur Clements; vice president, Prof. A. N. Burke; secretary, Raymond Richards; treasurer, George F. Thacker; prudential committee, Ernest Fuller, Ralph Morris, John S. Nelligan.

HAMPDEN.

Mrs. J. B. Sargent and daughter are visiting relatives in Vermont.

John B. Isham returned home Tuesday, after spending the winter in Florida.

The Congregational Sunday school will give its postponed Easter concert in the church next Sunday evening.

A Sunday school convention was held in the Congregational church Wednesday. The schools of the town were closed. Very interesting and helpful sessions were held. Dinner was served at noon.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Misses Eunice Bell and Myra Gates have taken positions with the Cutler Company. Miss Bell has charge of the invoice books and Miss Gates is stenographer and typewriter.

William Perry died at his home in East Wilbraham Monday. Mr. Perry has been ill with consumption for some time, having been confined to the house for the past year. He leaves a widow and a daughter. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the church at East Wilbraham.

WEST WARREN.

Mrs. Mason entertained her mother during conference week.

Frank Toppfer has moved to the Sullivan farm on the Brimfield road.

The family of E. Forte has moved to Palmer, where Mr. Forte has a position.

Mrs. Shirley, formerly of this village, now of Jewett City, Ct., is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Amory Crossman are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Rev. Mr. Mason has been sent by conference to the church at South Hadley. The church here will be supplied by Rev. Mr. Sutherland.

LUDLOW.

A kinetoscope and graphophone entertainment was given in Joy's hall Wednesday. The proceeds go towards the piano fund of the Union church.

Ludlow division, Sons of Temperance, held a meeting in Masonic hall Wednesday evening. Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch James E. Elphinstone installed the following officers: W. P., Jessie Low; W. A., Maggie Low; F. S., Frank Anderson; S., Henry Burke; R. S, Mary Burke; A. R S, Agnes Elder; C, George McKenzie; A. C., William Johnson; chaplain, Sarah O'Neil; I. S., Charles Barunn; O. S., James Low; P. W. P., John H. Browne.

MISS MEHITABLE SUMNER,

Who celebrated her 90th birthday at Brimfield yesterday.

WARREN.

Miss Helen Demond has returned to her studies at Smith College.

Rev. Mr. Hatch will preach in the Congregational church next Sunday.

Mrs. George P. Ahorn of Dorchester has been the guest of Mrs. Joseph Hitchcock this week.

Mrs. E. C. Morgan, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. W. Hastings, has returned to Northampton.

A number of Warren people attended the annual turkey supper of the West Brookfield Farmers' Club.

The Slater Engine Company has the contract to build a 500-horse power engine for the Central Massachusetts Electric Company of Palmer.

Mrs. Chaffee of Worcester lectured on "Raphael" in the village hall Tuesday afternoon. A number of West Brookfield people were present.

The Rural Improvement Society held its annual meeting Tuesday evening and elected these officers: Miss Mary S. Hitchcock; vice presidents, Miss Edith Chadsey and C. N. Shepard; secretary and treasurer, D. G. Hitchcock; executive committee, Mrs. M. D. Bliss, Julia F. Newton, Margaret R. Shumway, Lizzie S. Fairbank, Mary C. Burbank, J. G Hastings, A. L. Converse, W. H. Fairbank, T. A. Fischer, Dr. O. W. Phelps.

HOLLAND.

Some of the young people have new wheels.

A social will be held in the town hall Friday evening.

Mrs. D E. Webber has been spending the week with friends in Worcester.

Some of the townspeople have arranged to attend "The Chimes of Normandy," given in Warren Friday evening.

Mrs. Ellen Webber returned home Thursday, after having spent several weeks with Mrs. Holmes of Sturbridge.

The floral decorations in the church Sunday were tastefully arranged, and an interesting programme was rendered at the concert in the evening.

The following books have been added to the town library:

In Scripture lands, E. L. Wilson.
Ten no-license years in Cambridge.
Biographical sketch of William Whitney Rice.
The other girls, A. D. T. Whitney.
We girls, A. D. T. Whitney.
Real folks, A. D. T. Whitney.
Personal memoirs of P. H. Sheridan, 2 vols.
Mass. soldiers and sailors of the Revolutionary War, 3 vols.
Hugh Wynne, Mitchell, 2 vols.
Back country poems, Sam Walter Foss.
Running the blockade, Wm. H. Thomes.
Tales of the Southern border, C. W. Webber.
At the sign of the silver crescent, Helen Choate Prince.
Tales of trail and town, Bret Harte.
On the frontier, Bret Harte.
A waif of the plains, Bret Harte.
Minute men on the frontier, Puddefoot.
Tragedy of Ida Noble, W. Clark Russell.
Three little daughters of the Revolution, Nora Perry.
Adventures, forest and frontier.
Glee Kelly, Arab of the city, S. R. Crocket.

WALES.

Herbert Thompson, a student at Wilbraham, preached in the M. E. church last Sunday in the absence of the pastor. Mr. Thompson is a Wales boy, and he was listened to by a good number of his companions, who were well pleased with his discourse.

Rev. Geo. Camp returned from the M. E. conference Monday and brings the good tidings he is to remain pastor of the M. E. church another year. He will occupy his pulpit next Sunday, and in the morning will preach on "Revivals and evangelists;" in the evening his theme will be "Echoes from conference."

At the annual meeting of the Wales Savings Bank the following officers were chosen: President, E D Shaw; vice presidents, Isaiah Hiscock, A. A. Hubbard, William L. Webber; secretary and treasurer, H. A. McFarland; directors, George S. Rogers, T. W. Moore, L. Agard, George L. Agard, J. H. Loudon, J. J. Tobin, O. C. Switzer, F. M. Royce, E L Needham, LaRoy Squier, W. Chamberlain, Miner Corbin; committee of investment, Isaiah Hiscock, W. L Webber, George S. Rogers, H. A. McFarland; auditors, Isaiah Hiscock, A. A. Hubbard, George S. Rogers.

Rev. H. P. Smith of Worcester drove a livery team to Wales last Friday and stabled the horse in his farm barn for the night. Saturday morning at 6 o'clock he fed the horse some oats, and at 8 o'clock he went for his team, when he found the horse had plunged his fore feet over the manger and boards before it and torn off both fore shoes, and turned a somersault backward into the stall. As the halter held, it drew his head between the fore legs under his body. The horse had struggled furiously and injured its spine, so that he died Monday. No blame can be laid to Mr. Smith, as the stall was a good one; no reason can be given for the act.

BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. Waldo Prickette and Master Roland Prickette are visiting Mrs. Prickette's mother, Mrs. A. N. Pierson.

A Christian Endeavor social will be held in the church vestry Friday evening, and each person attending is requested to bring one cent. Music in the form of vocal and instrumental solos will be an especial feature of the evening.

Miss Mehitable Sumner celebrated her ninetieth birthday yesterday. She spent the day quietly, but was glad to receive her friends. Miss Sumner comes from a very musical family, her abilities in that line are very marked, and her exceptionally good voice has been retained for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Streeter celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding last Friday evening. About 80 friends were present, and in their name Rev. Mr. Kyle presented Mr. and Mrs. Streeter with a very nice clock. Other presents of tin and nickel ware were given. As refreshments, sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brimfield Hotel Company was held yesterday. Edward Bliss was chairman of the meeting and Dr. R. V. Sawin clerk. Five directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows: John M. Warren, Charles S. Tarbell, G. M. Hitchcock, Porter A. Parker, Horatio L. Converse. Reports of the committee and the treasurer were given.

The trustees of the public library met and organized for the present year Monday evening. George M. Hitchcock was chosen chairman, Charles C. Brown secretary and treasurer. The buying committee is Rebecca M. Lincoln, Mrs. J. H. Noyes, M. Anna Tarbell, Charles C. Brown. The library is greatly benefitted by gifts recently received from Mrs. John Notman of Brooklyn, N. Y., consisting of two large casts and a handsome Japanese rug. One of the casts is a circular relief about three feet in diameter, and represents Michael Angelo's "Holy Family." The original is in the museum at Florence. The other cast is a Greek antique and is taken from a decoration of the parapet of the little temple of Wingless Victory on the Acropolis at Athens. It represents a Victory tying on her sandal. The rug covers the large space at the back of the desk. The donor of these gifts is the granddaughter of Charles C. Warren, a native and former resident of Brimfield.

WARE.

Patrick Gilson has gone to West Troy, where he has taken a position in the armory.

J. Gardner Lincoln has gone to Windsor, where he is to have charge of the grammar school.

The board of health has organized with Dr. W. W. Miner chairman and Dr. J. A. Gendron secretary.

Miss Emma Crowell, teacher in grade 4 on High street, has been confined to her home with the grippe.

The fire department was called out Wednesday afternoon to extinguish a brush fire in the new St. William's cemetery.

The Amherst College glee and banjo clubs are to appear in the town hall the 26th under the auspices of the Century Club.

A mile foot race between Louis Burns and James Welsh took place on the trotting park Tuesday afternoon. Burns was the victor.

Rev. J. W. Fulton returned Tuesday from the Methodist conference at Worcester, and will have charge of the local church for another year.

Miss Henrietta Teagan and John Marra of New Braintree were married Wednesday afternoon by Rev. J. T. Leary. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Marra will reside in New Braintree.

The following officers have been chosen by the Twentieth Century Club: President, Bartholomew Buckley; vice president, John J Connor; secretary, Frank Wilson; treasurer, Walter Ingalls. T. Robert Fitzgerald was chosen captain of the bicycle squadron.

The ball given by the Knights of Columbus in the town hall Wednesday evening was a great success. About 100 couples participated in the grand march, which was led by Andrew G. Crowley and Miss Sadie Keefe. Russell's orchestra of Fitchburg furnished music.

The annual meeting of the Social Science Club was held Saturday afternoon and these officers were elected: President, Mrs J. H. G. Gilbert; vice president, Mrs. A. B. Bassett; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hall; treasurer, Mrs. F. D. Gilmore; directors, Mrs. F. M. Sibley, Mrs. D. M. Ryan; Mrs. A. B. Bassett, Miss Elizabeth A. Byrns.

The selectmen met Monday evening and appointed H. C. Davis town counsel. The following have applied for licenses: First and fourth classes, F. F. Gilmore at the Mansion House, D. A. Jennison at the Hampshire House, U. J. Volk at the Storrs House, John Malboeuf, John Hennessey, James Neville, M. J. and Owen McArdle, Rohan—Volk; first class alone, M. & J. Smith, William Metcalf; sixth class, John D. Smith, J. H. Beaurais, Abbott & Stubbs. There are about ten applicants for the position of superintendent of streets.

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FOR Worcester—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Cold Brook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

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The Presidents in Rhyme.

William Cheney noticed an article in the *Tribune* recently which referred to a short poem giving the names of the English rulers in rhyme. The suggestion was made at that time that what was wanted was some one who could write a short poem giving the names of the presidents of the United States in their order, so that it could be easily memorized. This Mr. Cheney has attempted in the following effort:—

First Washington, the truly great,
For eight years sailed the ship of state;
John Adams next; then Jefferson,
The latter for two terms came on.

Then Madison, and then Monroe,
Each two terms served, I'd have you know.
Then J. Q. Adams served four years;
Then Jackson for two terms appears.

Van Buren next, called "Matty Van";
Then Harrison, one month's brief span.
John Tyler next; then Polk, James K.;
Then Taylor sixteen months bore sway.

Fillmore, the vice, succeeded him;
Then Franklin Pierce one term came in.
Then James Buchanan, until sixty one
Saw civil war but just begun.

Then martyred Lincoln, elected twice,
Set free the slave—his life the price.
Then Andy Johnson the reins assumed;
Then Grant, two terms, the hero plumed.

Next Hayes; then Garfield, whose shore life
Soon fell before the assassin's knife.
Then Arthur, his successor came,
Followed by Cleveland, of recent fame.

Ben Harrison the next we find;
Then Cleveland for the second time.
McKinley last of all we see,
The herald of prosperity.

—*Minneapolis Tribune.*

AMONG THE PARAGRAPHERS.

HARMONY OF THOUGHT.

Two souls with but a single thought
By neither one expressed;
But with love's intuition
Each the other's meaning guessed.
As wooers they were rivals
For a maiden fair—and, so,
Their mutual thought was, "How I wish
That idiot would go!"

—*Puck.*

"Papa, what does c-o-l-o-n-e-l spell?" "'Kernel,' my son." "And does c-a-l-o-m-e-l spell camel?"—*Boston Traveler.*

Dawkins.—"How's your indigestion, old man?" Phillips. "It's doing nicely, thank you, but I don't feel very well myself."—*Harper's Bazar.*

"How are you to-day?" asked the doctor. "Oh! I'm feeling all right," replied the patient who was paralyzed on his left side.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

Jones—"Miss Verbose has just embarked on one of her conversational voyages." Smithers—"Yes, and her escort is overbored already."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Passenger—"Let me off at Minute street." Conductor—"There ain't no such street to my knowledge." Passenger—"Oh, well, Sixty-second street will do!"—*Philadelphia Record.*

"How are you getting along with your plans for polar exploration?" "First-rate." "Completed your arrangements for the trip?" "No, but I have my lecture written."—*Washington Star.*

"Mrs. Strucket affects the antique in her house decorations." "Yes, she told me the other day she was heartbroken because she couldn't get the shades of her ancestors for her parlor windows."—*Truth.*

Emperor William—"What is the latest from Hayti?" The Imperial Aid—"The Haytians have submitted, sire." Emperor William—"Nother victory for me and Providence."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Allington—"Is Pierson, the millionaire, a good church member?" Deacon Wardbams—"I should think he was. Why, the rest of us don't have to subscribe hardly anything to keep affairs going."—*Chicago News.*

"What do you think of the new minister?" "I don't believe he will do at all." What's the matter?" "Oh, he isn't up to date at all. He's been here three Sundays now and he hasn't preached about anything but the Bible."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

"There is such a thing as neighbors getting too intimate." "What's the instance?" "Why, my neighbor next door borrows my paper from the doorsteps before I am up and his wife cuts out all the poetry for her scrapbook."—*Cleveland Plain-Dealer.*

Here is a retort which a "dull student" once made:—Professor—"You seem to be very dull. When Alexander the Great was your age, he had already conquered the world." Student—"Well, you see, he had Aristotle for a teacher."—*Chambers' Journal.*

On reaching home the blind man of the Pont des Arts counts up his receipts. His wife reproaches him bitterly for having taken several illegal coins. "It isn't my fault," says the poor man, in excusing himself. "You know with my infirmity——" "All the more reason why you should look twice!"—*Paris Figaro.*

Vaudevillany—"You tell me," said the gentleman with the bald wig, "that the man was taken with jaundice, and mortification set in? I don't believe it." "But, you see," explained the gentleman with the pea-green whiskers, "this man was an Irishman and he was mortified on account of his color."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

"Hear about the robbery last night?" asked the grocer. "No," replied the early customer; "where did it occur?" "Right here," said the grocer; "thieves broke into my store and stole three barrels of sugar." "Well," mused the customer, "I suppose they will have sand enough to tackle a bank the next time."—*Chicago News.*

"I have no place to lay my head!" she sobbed. Her good fairy at once appeared. "Be careful, then," urged the latter, waving her wand, "that you don't lose it." Gliding to the front of the stage, the enchantress let it be understood that there would be a calorific period in the ancient municipality that evening.—*Detroit Journal.*

Teacher—"There is a difference in the meaning of the words 'vocation' and 'avocation.' 'Vocation' is what one does all the time; his 'avocation' is something aside from one's regular occupation. Now to show that you understand the difference, tell me what is your father's vocation?" Pupil—"Smoking a pipe."—*Boston Transcript.*

There is a regular old-fashioned "shouter" out in Milwaukee, and here is one of the things he yelled at a congregation of women the other day: "Milwaukee goes to Chicago after her fashions; Chicago goes to New York; New York goes to Paris, and Paris goes to the devil, and there is where you find the origin of the styles of the day."

A great many new additions have just been presented to the Peabody Museum by "an unknown friend." We make a few selections from the many interesting things received: A wag from the "Tale of Two Cities." Some water from "all's well." The rollers from the "shades of evening." A drink from a "sand bar." A rocker from the "cradle of the deep." A free lunch from the "Sandwich Islands."—*Yale Record.*

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Of the fierce machine,
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He begins the day.
But the lawn mower chap
His ardor whets,
And he's never so happ-
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Up close to the room
Where his neighbor lies
In the morning gloom,
With staring eyes,
And twists and turns,
Till half-insane,
At last he learns
'Tis all in vain.
He cannot sleep,
All hope is dead
And with a leap
He bounds from bed,
Oh!

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—*Somerville Citizen.*

A STRANGER'S NOTES IN NEW YORK.

I have discovered why New York men in street cars don't get up and give their places to women. It is because they haven't been trained that way. I have seen any number of boys holding fast to their seats in the cars while women stood up around them. As the twig is bent the tree is inclined. Hence Q. E. D.

The horses in New York vehicles don't get sleep enough, and you know what effect that will have. How do I know they don't? Because I have seen a hundred asleep standing in their shafts. It is a rare thing to see a country horse asleep in harness, as one may see here at any point where horses wait. Nor does one in New York see the horses of swelldom so sleeping while they wait.

I saw a man in frock coat, silk hat, gray trousers, patent leathers, etc., and a bunch of violets in the button-hole of his coat lapel, at noon in fashionable Fifth avenue walking with a handsome woman, and he was smoking a cigar! Is that a New York custom?

I saw Grant's tomb on Sunday. To me, in the pictures I have seen, it was always unsatisfactory architecturally, and it did not improve on acquaintance. It is a big thing in a beautiful location. Interiorly a wonderful and beautiful improvement could be made by having all the light come in through blue glass. To one who for the first time sees polished white marble under blue glass light the effect is indescribable.

I saw a man walk up the wrong stairs to an elevated train, and when I heard him swear because the signs were not where they could be plainly seen at the foot of the stairs I thanked him.

I saw a saloon-keeper refuse to sell a drink one minute after midnight and promptly shut up his place. I saw several others who were not so particular as that on the Sabbath day.

I saw a woman in the theater take off her hat when she heard a man behind her whisper something to his companion. She was a New York woman, too.

I have seen the Waldorf-Astoria "social functions," and I am wondering what effect they are going to have on New York society, especially among those society people who are rather democratic in their tendencies. I fancy their effect will be quite noticeable. It is really delightful to have always so beautiful a place in which so many evenings may be spent informally. It's a little mixed, of course, but aren't Americans a mixed race?

I saw a well-dressed man and woman on Broadway half carrying between them a poor, drunken, gray-haired old woman, getting her away where she might be cared for. One doesn't go always to Broadway to find good Samaritan tableaux vivants, does she?

One's linen and his hands will accumulate less soil and soot in New York in 10 hours than they will in Chicago in 10 minutes.

Why is it that the driver of any kind of New York vehicle can see a policeman in the street so much more distinctly than he can see a private citizen?

I have seen a dozen good-looking policemen at street crossings, and never a man who wasn't a Chesterfield. Some of New York's men who are not policemen should take a few lessons.

I observe that Dr. Hall's church has elected new trustees, and the point is made that they are as rich or richer than those retiring. Has New York introduced the doctrine that money is necessary to salvation?

Who makes the women's dresses one sees worn on the streets of New York? I ask because I have seen so many women here with the placket-holes of their dresses gaping open at intervals as they walk, or as they pick up their skirts. If you don't know, Mr. Editor, what a placket-hole is, I may say to you privately that it is the slot at the waist slit down to allow the wearer to get into her skirt. See?

I am pained and surprised to see so many men in New York who at first blush appear well dressed, but are not so. I have seen last year's tiles, with all-fitting frock coats, baggy trousers, rusty patent leathers, and other sartorial condiments to match. Right out in broad daylight, too! The Chicago man is different in this, that if he can't do it right he doesn't do it at all.

To one person I have heard speak of a house being "in" a street I have heard a hundred say "on" a street, from which I conclude New Yorkers are still Americans. And quite the same ratio have asked me at what "depot" I arrived. But do not despair, you will get to "station" by and by. Even now it is never "depot" on the elevated.

Why is it that so many New York women get their skirts bedraggled on a rainy day? I saw hundreds riding their wheels Sunday in short skirts, and I am sure they needn't be ashamed to hold their skirts up as high as they please when they walk in the slop. A New York street on a wet day, by the way, is not the cleanest nor the sightliest thing on earth.

I'd like to ask if New York real estate is the best investment for money expected to return a fair per cent? If a man could build an old house for little money it might be, but is it in these million-dollar structures? The only building I would want to put money into would be in one at about Twenty-third street and Broadway, with a thousand rooms at $2 a day a room for the first two floors, and $1 for all others. The Merchants' association could put up such a building, and if their visiting customers wouldn't keep it full I am very much mistaken. In connection with it should be a restaurant, where meals could be had at 25 and 50 cents. Some people may sniff at this suggestion, but I know how business men from country towns feel who come to New York and cannot be accommodated decently for much less than $5 a day. The Mills hotel is, in a way, proof of this.

I am pleased to observe that a reputable woman may go out on the streets of New York after dark in comparative safety. It is not a custom to be advocated and practiced, but when it is necessary it may be done, and a woman may go from Brooklyn to Harlem at midnight with more peace of mind than she could go the same distance in my rural neighborhood.—*Letter from A. Podunker, in New York Sun.*

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A MATRIMONIAL SNAG.

I call it a matrimonial snag because the matrimonial bark is always going to pieces on it. It does mischief to other things, interferes with the smooth current of innumerable friendships, and mars many a close intimacy. But it is to the bark in which a man and his wife have been launched together that it does the greatest harm.

Now this snag in itself is not a formidable affair. It is made up simply of two diverse opinions about resting. Yet no jagged reef is more dangerous, and all those who cannot sail over it must inevitably be wrecked on it.

A man, for instance, has worked all day out-of-doors—in the fields maybe. He has had the air and the sun, and converse with men of his kind. Resting to him means coming home, stretching out his limbs, and breathing in domestic peace.

The woman, however, has been in all day, without the air, and without the sun—dusting, sweeping, cooking, sewing, disciplining children; seeing no one, talking to no one, meeting no one with whom an idea could be interchanged, or from whom a new direction for her thoughts could be gained. When night comes, her greatest rest would seem to lie in a change of scene, the bringing in of outside interests, or a more sympathetic and enlivening intercourse with her husband.

He, however, cannot understand this "You are restless," he says to her, "discontented. But you cannot find anything better than this, wherever you go. Take my word for it; I have seen them all." And he folds his hands and puffs at his pipe, and basks in the quiet contentment of a soul that has been satisfied.

It is the same thing when a man goes down town all day and leaves the woman at home. His idea of resting is a cheerful fireside at night; a wife as bright, as gay and responsive, as when she received in her mother's house, and all care was spared her. "I'm so tired, I would like to go to sleep with the children at six o'clock," many a wife sighs. "But it is just the time my husband likes me to be at my best. It bothers him to have me tired, and he has such different ideas of resting from mine."

Duties, on the other hand, may have called the woman out of doors all day, and duties may have kept the man in an office. Then it may rest him to go out at night. He may crave amusement and diversion, some entertainment for the mind. These distract his thoughts and rest his brain and make him fresher for the morrow's work.

But the thousand demands of the day, the obligations and requirements of some position she must fill, have used the woman up. The thought of new excitements and diversions only wearies her. The thought of new efforts she makes to respond to her husband's wishes seem spiritless, and no pleasure is given or felt. He cannot understand why he does all is. She cannot understand why he does not see. He grows discontented, she dissatisfied. The need of another kind of sympathy is suggested. Interests begin to diverge, and two paths are made, growing every day wider apart.—*Harper's Bazar.*

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The first settler can speak but a few words of English, and his children use it with difficulty; but his grandchildren talk the language of their adopted country as fluently as they do the Russo-German of their parents. They attend schools where only English is taught, and in which the law of North Dakota compels them to gain a rudimentary education. They ride the unbroken cow-ponies of the range with the fearlessness of young Indians, and celebrate the Fourth of July as though to the manner born; but the acme of their Americanization was reached in a 13-year-old lad whom I met in the valley of the Knife river. Alone on the prairie, miles remote from a house, and with no sign of human presence in a wide range of vision, he was herding sheep on a bicycle. He was a cheerful little chap, and claimed that a wheel gave much less trouble than a pony, because it did not have to be watered, and never ran away. It was also very good to chase coyotes with when they came sneaking around his sheep, and he believed that if he could only induce one to stick to the road he could run it down.

Yes, he was a Russian, that is, he was born in Russia, but he did not remember much about the place he came from, and was forgetting what he did remember as fast as he could.—*Kirk Monroe, in Harper's Magazine.*

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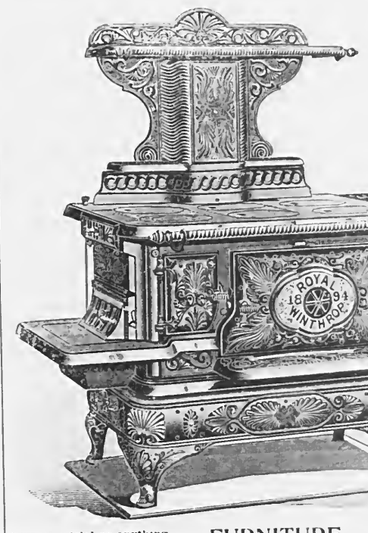

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I didn't shrink from Sheridan
As he galloped to the sea;
But if this here Union goes to war,
Make one more gun for me!

I was with 'em at Manassas—
Tho bully Boys in Gray;
I heard the thunders roarin'
Round Stonewall Jackson's way.
And many a time this sword of mine
Has blazed the route for Lee;
But if this old nation goes to war,
Make one more sword for me!

I'm not so full o' fightin',
Nor half so full of fun,
As I was back in the sixties
When I shouldered my old gun:
It may be that my hair is white—
Sich things, you know, must be,
But if this old Union's in for war,
Make one more gun for me!

I hain't forgot my raisin'—
Nor how, in sixty-two,
Or thereabouts, with battlesboats
I charged the Boys in Blue;
And I say: I fought with Stonewall,
And blazed the way for Lee;
But if this old Union's in for war,
Make one more gun for me!
—*Atlanta Constitution.*

HIS NORTHERN BROTHER.

Just make it two, old fellow,
I want to stand once more
Beneath the old flag with you
As in days of yore
Our fathers stood together
And fought on land and sea
The battle fierce that made us
A nation of the free.

I whipped you down at Vicksburg,
You licked me at Bull Run;
On many a field we struggled,
When neither victory won.
You wore the gray of the Southland,
I wore the Northern blue;
Like men we did our duty
When screaming bullets flew.

Four years we fought like devils,
But when the war was done
Your hand met mine in friendly clasp,
Our two hearts beat as one.
And now when danger threatens,
No North, no South, we know.
Once more we stand together
To fight the common foe.

My head, like yours, is frosty—
Old age is creeping on;
Life's sun is lower sinking,
My day will soon be gone.
But if our country's honor
Needs once again her son,
I'm ready, too, old fellow—
So get another gun.
—*Minneapolis Journal.*

THE STORY OF A HORSE TRADE.

One morning, now several years ago, Henry Goodeve, solicitor, had a call from one of his most distinguished clients, the marquess of X, who brought with him a companion, and, on his companion's behalf, proposed to Goodeve a novel and peculiar transaction. The companion was introduced as Philip Charlmount. He was a young fellow, apparently of about 25, but looking worn and dissipated, and having the air of a man whose nervous system was in a bad way. Goodeve knew his name, having occasionally read it in the turf reports in the newspapers as an owner of race horses.

"Now, Goodeve," said the marquess, "we want to do business in a certain little matter which may be profitable to both of us. I hope we shall find you agreeable."

"What is the nature of the business, my lord?" asked Goodeve.

"It's this," said the marquess. "My friend, Mr. Charlmount here, has a horse for immediate sale, and he wants you to buy it."

The solicitor raised his eyebrows and shook his head.

"I never bought a horse in my life," he said, "and I know nothing about 'em. I am afraid, my lord, that you must look for a customer elsewhere. I—"

"Ah," the other interposed. "But this is no ordinary horse, Goodeve; and it's no ordinary horse deal that we're proposing. Is it, Charlmount?"

"Most decidedly not," replied the young man addressed, in an emphatic tone.

"Do you follow the turf intelligence, Goodeve?" inquired the marquess.

"Can't say I do, my lord. Never took much interest in racing."

"Well, at any rate, perhaps you know the name of the favorite for the Cambridgeshire?"

"To be quite candid, my lord, I don't. But I suppose I can find it here," said Goodeve, taking up the morning paper, which lay upon his table. "Ah, yes! Here we are. Prince Charming—100 to 12."

"That's him," said the Marquess. "That's Charlmount's horse, which we want you to buy."

"Before the race?" asked Goodeve.

"Yes, before the race. And as it's run the day after to-morrow, there is, you can see, no time to waste over the transaction."

"From your wishing to sell him, under these circumstances, I presume that you do not fancy his chance," remarked the solicitor quietly.

"On the contrary," answered the Marquess, with emphasis. "We fancy his chance very strongly. He has been highly tried under extra weight, and has come out of it splendidly—hasn't he, Charlmount?"

"Magnificently," assented Charlmount, his face working with a peculiar and unaccountable excitement. "He's about as dead a cert. as ever ran."

"Then why do you wish to sell him?" was Goodeve's natural rejoinder.

"Now, look here, Goodeve," struck in the Marquess, "Charlmount's reason for selling the colt is, I can assure you, a very cogent one. At the same time it is a reason which, at present, we are unable to divulge. Our terms of sale, however, are such as will be highly profitable to the purchaser, and will guarantee him, in any event, a handsome return upon his money. When you have heard the details you will not fail to agree with me. They are as follows: That in the event of your consenting to buy the colt to-day for his proper value—£3000—we will give you our joint undertaking to repurchase him from you for £4000 next Thursday—the day after the race."

Henry Goodove opened his eyes.

"This is a most extraordinary proposal, my lord," he answered. "Do you clearly understand what you are offering?"

"Quite. Our offer amounts to this. That if you will accommodate us in this matter we will pay you a bonus of £1000 in three days' time. Possibly more than £1000; since, if Prince Charming wins the Cambridgeshire you, of course, as his owner, will have the stakes in addition."

"Well, then, gentlemen, it seems to me that it is scarcely necessary for the £3000 to change hands. Because if—as I infer—you merely wish to saddle me with the technical ownership for the day of the race, I had better just buy him from you for a nominal sum, and—"

"No, no!" exclaimed Charlmount, excitedly. "That will not do, Mr. Goodeve. The purchase must be bona fide. The full value must be paid down, and everything about it must be strictly regular. Nothing else will be the least use."

"I need hardly ask you such a question, my lord," said the solicitor. "But this secret—you will assure me that it is of no illegal or dishonorable nature?"

"Most certainly I will. Upon that point you have my unqualified assurance," replied the marquess warmly.

"Very well, my lord," said Henry Goodeve, after a short reflection, "upon the strength of that assurance I will consent to do business."

"One thing more, gentlemen," he said. "Am I to claim public ownership of Prince Charming, or not? Personally—under the circumstances—I should prefer not to do so."

"Exactly," answered Charlmount. "I ought to have mentioned that. I wish the colt to remain, publicly, in my name. I have no desire for any one, except ourselves, to learn that he has ever changed hands."

"Very good," said the solicitor, with a nod. "Then I will exercise no rights of ownership."

"But you are his owner—recollect that; you are his bona fide owner," exclaimed Charlmount, with sudden energy.

. . . . . .

Goodeve went down to Newmarket quietly by himself. When the horses came out for the preliminary canter he watched them with great interest. By aid of his race card he soon recognized Prince Charming, a chestnut colt, with fine swinging stride, ridden by a famous jockey in the Charlmount colors—apple green and black sleeves. After a few false starts the flag fell. Soon the heavy thud of hoofs reached Goodeve's ear, and the shouts and applause of the public, who lined the course, were borne nearer and nearer. He grew really excited. His heart beat fast. His breath came in gasps. The horses were close up to him at the finish. Some five or six seemed to flash by in a mass with a mighty thunderiog of hoofs. The jockeys' arms and whips worked like the sails of windmills. There—ah! there was the apple green and black sleeves—to the front of the ruck. People's voices rose in a storm of shouts, curses, cheers. Goodeve's voice involuntarily mingled with them. The perspiration stood upon his forehead. He felt half suffocated.

Prince Charming's number was hoisted first.

He was soon aroused from his absorbed condition by the gruff voice of a man speaking at his elbow.

"The curse of the Charlmounts has gone wrong, at last."

"Eh? I beg your pardon," observed Goodeve, turning toward the speaker, a short, red-faced man, who, from his appearance and dress, might probably have been a cattle dealer.

"I wasn't speaking to you, mister," retorted the other, rather rudely.

"No, I know," said Goodeve, too much interested by the man's allusion to the Charlmounts to take offense at his words, "but you said something about the 'curse of the Charlmounts,' and, not understanding what you meant,—I—"

"Not noderstand what I meant by the 'curse of the Charlmounts'?" interrupted the man, regarding Goodeve with contemptuous surprise. "Ever been at Noomarket before, mister?"

"Never, until to-day."

"Ah, that accounts for it, then. Well, p'raps you don't know that never till this blessed day has a hoss owned by the Charlmount fam'ly won a race on the Heath for 50 years."

"No, I was not aware of that," replied Goodeve, growing very interested.

"And t'ain't becos they've not had good hosses," continued the dealer impressively. "They had some of the very best. It's becos the fam'ly's been under a curse as regards this Heath."

"Under a curse? How is that?"

"Well, you must know, old Tom Charlmount, grandfather of the present man, played a friend of his a dirty trick about a Cambridgeshire 50 years ago. I don't know all the ins and outs, but it was something like this: Tom Charlmount had his friend's hoss got at the night before the race, and the hoss—which was considered a cert—got beat in consikence. The friend had planked all he was worth on the colt, and his defeat simply broke the poor beggar. He blew his brains out the same night, but not till he'd sought out old Tom Charlmount and solemnly cursed him. And the result of that curse has been that no Charlmount has won a race on Noomarket Heath ever since."

Henry Goodeve was now deeply interested. The true explanation of Philip Charlmount's inexplicable conduct was beginning to dawn on bim.

"But was this generally known?" he exclaimed. "And did the public believe it? Because if that was the case, I should not have expected Prince Charming to be made favorite."

"Bless you, mister," was the half-contemptuous reply, "Prince Charming was so well in—about seven pounds below his proper weight—that if it hadn't been for the curse of the Charlmounts, his price would have been less than half what it was."

"Did—er—do you happen to know whether Mr. Charlmount himself believes in the curse?" asked Goodeve eagerly.

"I'm sure he does. Couldn't do otherwise after the sinful ill luck he had at Noomarket. Besides (and I've heard this from a reliable source), he has resorted to all kinds of subterfuges to avoid it at different times—such as nominally transferring his colts to his friends and such like dodges. But they were never no use, bless you, and weren't likely to be. Providence ain't to be circumvented so easy as that." . . . . .

When Charlmount came next day—in great jubilation—to effect Prince Charming's repurchase he gave substantially the same explanation as Goodeve had picked up on Newmarket Heath, adding at the end:—

"I had before tried to avoid the operation of the curse by a collusive transfer of my horses to some of my friends. But no good came of it. It then occurred to me that a bona-fide sale of Prince Charming to one who knew nothing about the curse, and bought the colt without intending to evade it, might perhaps work the necessary charm. The result you know."

"Umph," said Goodeve. "Then you believe that our little deal actually circumvented Providence?"

"Can you doubt it?" cried Charlmount emphatically, as he handed the solicitor his check.—*London Truth.*

HAS A STEAM-HEATED BARN.—The new barn recently completed for Col. Blees, Macon's millionaire, is one of the most expensive buildings in North Missouri, and undoubtedly the finest barn in the State outside the largest cities, says the *Kansas City Journal*. More than 80,000 feet of the best lumber that could be procured was used in its construction. The roof required 56,000 shingles, and more than 22,000 feet of ceiling lumber, and nearly 30,000 feet of weatherboarding were used. The inside is finished with hard pine, and is oiled and varnished, the floor space is nearly all covered with granitoid pavement, and the entire building is heated with steam and supplid with all modern convenience.

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The Love Time of the Year.

Blue-eyed Marion, 'tis the time,
The sweet love time of the year
When an errant poet's rhyme
May not pain your rosy ear.
Sings the robin loud and clear,
Bluebirds warble in the sun;
Nature to delight you, dear,
Has her blossom work begun.

Lanes the daffodil illumes,
Lest you there might wander sad;
And the dandelion blooms,
That your blue eyes may be glad
Wild waste places verdure clad,
Soon with violets shall be blue;
Soon wild cherry bloom shall add
Another charm unto the view.

Red-tipped Marion, lift your eyes
To the sundit arch above,
To the glorious April skies
Blue as are the eyes of love.
Listen, darling,—how the dove
Knowing well the time of year,
Keeps on cooing to the dove
Glossy-necked, that loves to hear.

Loved one, do not these awake
In your bosom longings new,
Longings for the joys that make
Earth a paradise for two?
Marion, sings your poet true:
Pipes he to a willing ear?
Is it not, also, with you
The sweet love time of the year?
MOSES TEGGART.

Springfield, Mass.

GOOD COMBINATION ROADS.

At a dinner given to Gen. Stone, in St. Louis, at the time of the recent Good Roads convention, the general spoke, as follows, concerning what is a good road for general purposes:

"The science of road-building is steadily developing and, so far, experience has shown that the very best road in the world, in good weather, is the dirt road. When it is either dry or frozen it makes the best road known. For this reason it is the rule on the most modern roadways to have a dirt road running alongside of the paved roadway, and in some instances the paved roadway has a dirt road on each side of it, to be used in good weather. It is remarkable, on roads built in this fashion, how many days in the year the dirt roads do the best possible service, and the wear and tear on the paved portion of the road is thus saved. Besides this, wet weather is the time when travel over the paved road does it the least harm, for the vehicles then press down the rock and stone into place, instead of scattering them, and by being used only in bad weather, it lasts much longer.

"There is another argument in favor of building roads in this way, and that is that instead of a paved or graveled roadway, sixteen or more feet in width, it is only necessary to build it eight feet wide. This reduces the original cost of building the roads just one-half, and it has been found to answer the purpose just as well, if not better than a road twice its width. How about wagons passing each other? This is a natural question and simply answered. One wagon turns out on the dirt where two wagons meet; but, as two wagons seldom or never meet in exactly the same place, there is no danger of wearing a deep hole or rut in the dirt road.

"The cost of building a first-class road of this kind, recently, in Philadelphia, with inexperienced hands, and other unfavorable conditions, was $1,200 a mile. The same kind of road has been built for $900, and even as low as $800 a mile. The railroads everywhere appreciate the direct benefit that good roads are to the freight traffic on their lines, and have, in nearly every instance, when called upon, given the movement their hearty aid and cooperation. The Southern Railway Company assured me that it would be glad to haul the rock needed for constructing the roadways, to stations along its lines, at the bare cost of hauling the cars.

"In collecting data on the $600,000,000 annually which bad roads cost this country, I sent out over ten thousand letters, both in this country and abroad, and the figures are given only after a very careful estimate. In the state of Iowa the farmer hauls thirty bushels in a load when, if the roads were good, he ought to haul one hundred in one load. That single instance tells the story in a greater or lesser degree of the bad roads throughout the country. That $600,000,000 loss every year, through bad roads, is a tax, not only on the farmer, but on everybody. I find, in my experience, that one of the most difficult things which the promoters of good roads have to do, and especially those who live in the cities, is to prove to the farmers that their interest in good roads in the country is real and a personal one. The farmer has paid the tax of bad roads, and has suffered from it so long that he finds it difficult to believe that he is to receive aid from people whom he has formerly believed had very little interest in them."

THE LATEST COTILLION FAVORS.

There seems to be a fancy this year for sticks of all kinds as favors. There are Directoire sticks, long white-painted walking-sticks, with bunches of gay-colored roses tied on the handles, and long bows and ends of ribbon; and shepherdesses' crooks, which are most attractive; they are of plain pine wood, polished, with crook handles, and the whole stick is entwined with wreaths of field flowers, daisies, poppies, bluets, and grasses, buttercups and ferns. Then there are Folly sticks—short wooden sticks covered with gold or tinsel, with bunches of bells and flowers on the end. Another new favor in sticks is a gilt or silver wand with one large artificial flower—such as a sunflower, poppy, oxeyed daisy, or chrysanthemum—on the end. The flowers on these sticks are fastened on long bits of wire, so that they shake about prettily as they are held in hand while dancing. Still another stick favor is about the same length as the others, only, instead of flowers, it has a bunch of crepe-paper balls of different colors fastened on the end. The reason why this sort of favor is so popular is because it makes a great show and is very inexpensive. In some of the large ball-rooms in New York there are regular racks against the wall where the stick favors are put while the young people are dancing.

For picturesque effect there is no prettier favor than the parasol. It is one of the very latest and most fashionable, to start with. The frames and handles are whitewood. They are covered with tarlatan of delicate shades, pink, blue, mauve, etc., piled on plentifully, with narrow ruffles at the edge. The tops are finished off with bunches of artificial flowers to correspond in color, and streamers of narrow satin ribbon.—*Harper's Bazar.*

The Marquis of Lorne, when Governor-General of Canada, was present at some sports held on the ice of the St. Lawrence. Though wrapped in furs, he felt the cold keenly, and was astonished to see an ancient Indian meandering around barefooted and enveloped only in a blanket. He asked the Indian how he managed to stand such a temperature, when he had so little on.

"Why you no cover face?" asked the Indian.

The Marquis replied that no one ever did, and that he was accustomed to have his face naked from his birth.

"Good," replied the Prairie King, "me all face," and walked away.—*Indian Helper.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 1898.

AFTER pending murder cases and convicted murderers have been disposed of, there will be no more hangings in Massachusetts. All the convicted murderers will have to do will be to sit in a chair and electricity will do the rest. All electrocutions will take place in the Charlestown prison. This new act of the Legislature commends itself to all.

ALL last fall and winter wheat went up with great big strides, and a gentleman by the name of Leiter followed it and made lots of money thereby. But last Sunday morning a quantity of wheat went up so high that even Leiter with his millions cannot touch it, when the roof of the grain elevator at Hoosac Tunnel docks in Charleston was completely blown off by a dust explosion and many thousands of bushels of wheat destroyed.

THE baseball season of 1898 has opened. From the thousands which attended the opening games of the national league clubs it is evident that the game has lost none of its popularity. The rowdyism which was displayed on the part of some last season, it is thought will be eliminated by the adoption of the Brush resolutions, though the scene at the first Boston-New York game, when one player was put out of the game, the crowd in the grand stand threw missiles at the umpire and that official had to be escorted off the grounds by the police, indicate otherwise.

FOR a second time Thomas Meade Bram had been found guilty on the charge of having murdered Capt. Nash and wife and the 2d mate of the Herbert Fuller on the night of July 13, 1896. Wednesday the jury reported a verdict of guilty, without capital punishment, which means imprisonment for life. There is something illogical in this verdict. The jury finds him guilty of one of the most cruel, monstrous and heinous crimes ever committed, yet allows him to be let off with the lightest possible punishment. It cannot be explained in any other way than that the jury believed him guilty, but did not quite think the case was proven by the government. If the jury thought and decided that he was guilty, the senteuce of death should have been given; if they thought otherwise, his acquittal should have been rendered

THE recent dismissal of the petition of Miss Gillette of Fitchburg for admission to the Worcester County bar on the ground that she was not of good moral character has attracted considerable attention. Miss Gillette passed her examinations some time ago with credit, being the first woman to accomplish this achievement in this part of the state, but remonstrance was made against her admission, and after a hearing the learned judge decided that she should not be admitted. It would be hard to find a case where a young man has been refused admission on like grounds, though it is safe to say that there are many now in practice who deserved rejection. Lawyers are plenty, —good, moral, upright men,—and every rogue should be kept from the bar. It is to be hoped that the Gillette case will arouse remonstrance against unworthy applicants of the male gender, and it certainly will not be amiss.

IN THE history of this nation Massachusetts has always played a leading part. At Lexington her sons shed the first blood of the Revolution and struck the first blow for liberty. In the war of 1812 her brave sailors fought in many battles and acquitted themselves as true heroes. In 1861 her troops were among the first to reach Washington for the defense of the capitol, and while passing through Baltimore her gallant sixth regiment shed the first blood of the war of the rebellion. In the past Massachusetts has never been found wanting, but has freely given of her treasure and blood. And in the war with Spain, Massachusetts will be one of the first to assist the government and her loyal sons will be among the first to respond to the call. This is evidenced from the action of Gov. Wolcott and the Legislature last Friday. The governor sent a message to the Legislature asking for an appropriation of half a million dollars to enable him to meet the demands which the government might make upon the commonwealth in view of the existing conditions of possible war. The message was received with cheers and within 25 minutes the money was appropriated. And if more is needed it can be depended upon that Massachusetts will respond.

A STATESMAN once said, "War is inevitable." For weeks that quotation has been used by newspapers and persons throughout the country regarding our affairs with Spain. Now it can be said that the inevitable has come, for the turn in affairs yesterday, the breaking off of official relations between the two countries, the sending of our fleet to Cuba for blockading purposes, is the commencement of the war and it will probably not be many days before the first gun will be fired. This is a war which we did not seek. But the terrible suffering and starvation among the people of the island, the great injury to our interests and the cost of millions of dollars to our government, and when Spanish rule makes it impossible for a friendly ship to lay in a Cuban harbor without being in danger of destruction, it is time to demand a termination of such a government, which has indeed become intolerable. We seek no further extension of our territory, and when the pacification of the island has been accomplished, we will leave it and its government to the people there. The conduct of our president has been most grand throughout all, and his stand has been that of a true and loyal American. No nation in the future can say that we rushed into the war without cause. War—may it be quick and decisive, and may the victory be humanity's, truth's and ours.

EVENTS of momentous concern have been transacted in Congress the past week, and the United States has taken a position in the Cuban matter which cannot be mistaken by any one. She says plainly and determinedly that Spanish government in Cuba must stop, that the horrible butcheries that have been enacted in the fair island must cease, and the people of Cuba are and of right ought to be free and independent. In the president's last message to Congress he asked for authority to use the army and naval forces of the United States to help him in the taking of measures to secure a final termination of the hostilities between the government of Spain and the people of Cuba. Friday the House passed a resolution in favor of armed intervention. Saturday the Senate passed a like resolution with a recognition amendment. Monday was an exciting day in Congress, when both Houses struggled to reach an agreement, but both insisting on the essential point of difference between their resolutions, the Senate favoring a direct declaration recognizing the independence of the present Cuban government, and the House opposing it. All night long they struggled, and soon after one o'clock Tuesday morning agreed upon compromise resolutions to the effect that the people of Cuba are and of right ought to be free and independent, that it is the duty of the United States to demand that Spanish government in Cuba cease and that her forces be withdrawn from the island, that the president is empowered to use the military and naval forces of the United States to carry the resolutions into effect, and that the United States make known that it is its intention not to exercise any control over the island except for its pacification, and when that is accomplished to leave the government and island to the control of its people. Wednesday the resolutions were signed by President McKinley, and an ultimatum sent to Spain to the effect that she must evacuate Cuba, she being given until Saturday to reply. All official relations, however, were severed yesterday when Spain refused to receive the ultimatum and gave Minister Woodford his passports. Our North Atlantic squadron has sailed for Cuba, where it is to blockade Havana harbor.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, APRIL 21, 1898.

Massachusetts had its first taste of the war in the Legislature ou Friday when Gov. Wolcott's message came in asking for an appropriation of $500,000 to meet any emergency which might arise in case of a call from the president for troops. The matter was prepared beforehand by the governor in consultation with the members of the committees on ways and means of the House and Senate. A bill for the $500,000 desired was all prepared, so that when the message came in and was referred to the committee in due form for consideration, it had already been considered and they were ready to report. The precaution had been taken to have the bill read by the committees on bills in the third reading and to have it engrossed on parchment, all ready for enactment and signature. So it was only 25 minutes from the receipt of the message to the affixing of the signature by the goveruor. His private secretary thought that he would like the pen for a "memorabil," but the governor felt as if he would like to keep it himself for the same reason, so the secretary did not get it.

The excitement in the House and Senate was high. The rules were suspended unanimously in each branch and there was loud applaus; when the bill was passed, which the presiding officers made no effort to check. But the occasion was not wholly free from foolishness. One Senator, whose name is omitted because there is no desire to display a man who lost his head, arose and asked that three Senators who were absent on a trip to the western part of the state on official business might be entered as voting yes. The request was wholly out of order, but the chair ruled that if the Senator was authorized to speak for the absentees, a memorandum could be made by instructing the clerk. It is doubtful whether the Massachusetts Senate, in regular session, ever before broke into three cheers. Not in recent years certainly.

The effect of the coming war is seen already at the State House in the sudden caution of the House committee on ways and means regarding appropriations. Four reports were presented in the House on Wednesday from this committee against appropriations for the purpose of improving some of the small harbors of the state. In three instances the amount desired was small, ranging from $5,000 to $7,500 In these cases the reports were unanimous. In the other case the appropriation was $67,000 and it was over an old and hotly contested matter. On this there were three dissenters. But the wording of the report in each case was that, considering the draft upon the treasury and the condition of the finances, the resolve ought not to pass.

One of the members of the House, Mr. Hoyt of Haverhill, was represented ou Wednesday by a beautiful bouquet on his desk. He was absent himself. He is the member who tendered his resignation in case he should be wanted for service in the war. He is an electrician, and has entered the service which will be employed on the coast between Chatham, Mass., and New Hampshire. He has informed Speaker Bates that he does not wish to resign his membership in the House unless it is necessary, and it is not likely that it will be necessary, for he may still find time to attend to his duties in part. It is strange that the war excitement has not been seen more at the State House, but aside from the passing scurry over the appropriation bill of $500,000, nothing has occurred out of the rontine, though the members are full of the news in their talks among themselves. The general opinion is strongly in favor of the war, but there are many diverse opinions as to the fighting qualities of the Spaniards and the result of hostilities, though no one doubts our ultimate victory.

One of the hottest liquor fights for years occurred in the House on Wednesday over the bill to reduce the number of liquor licenses in Boston by one-half, putting the city on the same basis as the remainder of the state, allowing one license for every 1000 people, instead of one for every 500, as now. The bill had been pressed to a vote on Monday by its opponents. It was the day before a holiday, when many country members, not caring to come in for only one day, were absent. The friends of the bill asked for postponement, but could not carry it. They had the good fortune, owing to the absence of a squad of Boston Democrats, who were opposed to the bill, to carry it to be engrossed by a vote of 83 to 71. On Wednesday, after having been held up to ridicule by the Boston press for their delinquency, the Boston Democrats pleaded for a reconsideration. They carried it without any serious objection. Then came the struggle once more on the merits of the bill. It was feared by its friends, considering the tremendous opposition it aroused, that it was too radical. So they accepted an amendment to cut down the 992 licenses to 800 instead of cutting off half at one blow, as would have been done by the bill in its original form. The Boston Democrats and some Republicans resisted the bill in any form at every step. There were three rising votes, followed in each instance by a roll-call, before the bill was once more passed to be engrossed. On the adoption of the 800 licenses amendment there were 104 yeas to 71 nays on the rising vote, and 124 to 79 on the roll-call. On an amendment to attach a referendum to the people of Boston, there were 79 yeas to 94 nays on a rising vote and 93 yeas to 105 nays on a roll-call. Then there were 110 yeas to 68 nays on a rising vote on passing the bill to be engrossed and 118 yeas to 78 nays on a roll-call. Still, it is to be expected that the liquor men will kill the bill in the Senate.

The taxation committee has been obliged once more to ask for an extension of its time. It will not report until Monday. A sub-committee is putting matters in shape and they are trying to get together as much as possible. But it is not expected that they will agree. The familiar figures in the contest are seen once more at the State House. Ex-Mayor Henry Winn of Malden, who is one of the strongest opponents of the majority report of the special commission, and Ex-Representative Henry S. Bliss of West Springfield, who is on the same side, are at the front again. It is probable that they are in consultation with others of their side and they are on hand to give the benefit of their advice, should it be needed. It is expected that the report will be against the anti-double taxation league, while a minority of the committee will doubtless give the league some encouragement. The prospect now is that the contest will be carried into the House and Senate, and that it will be one of the most vigorous of the session.

The committee on manufactures has made a long inquiry into the gas situation in Boston, but it has not been equal in depth to its length. Some of the committee ask questions which seem to imply that they are very sympathetic with Mr. Whitney and the public does not have an equal protection. At the hearing on Wednesday forenoon the principal speaker was Walter S. Allen of New Bedford, formerly in the employ of the gas commission and afterward assistant treasurer of the Boston Gas Light Company, a chemist who has spent two years in Germany studying gas problems. He gave figures to prove that Whitney cannot furnish gas cheaper than at present, and that his enterprise cannot be run at a profit under present conditions of the market and present progress of invention.

Many of the militia companies have offered their services to the government for service in the war with Spain, but this action is not essential. These companies are under orders and would have to go when ordered, whether or not they volunteered. It is the purpose of the militia authorities not to accept volunteers, except such as can pass a physical examination proving their fitness for service. The governor's war council has been in consultation to-day for several hours.

LANDON.

PALMER NEWS.

TOWN'S OLDEST RESIDENT DEAD.

Prosper Howard of Three Rivers, Over 98 Years Old.

Prosper Howard of Three Rivers, the oldest resident of the town of Palmer, died of apoplexy yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. Mr. Howard was born in West Springfield, January 31, 1800, and was 98 years, 3 months and 18 days old at the time of his death.

Mr. Howard was the son of Pember and Betsy (Orcutt) Howard. When 12 years of age Mr. Howard moved with his parents to Southbridge and a year later to Belchertown, where he resided until 1841, when he went to Monson, where he stayed but a short time, going to Thorndike in 1845, where he was employed as carpenter by the Thorndike company for 26 years. In 1871 he moved to the village of Three Rivers, where he lived until his death.

He was married at Enfield to Huldah Patten of East Windsor, who died in 1862. In May, 1869, he was married at Three Rivers to Adelia Powell of that village. He leaves

PROSPER HOWARD OF THREE RIVERS.
The Oldest Resident of Palmer, who Died Yesterday, Aged 98 Years.

one son, and a daughter, Mrs. Adeline Tyler of Rome City, Ind., besides his wife.

Mr. Howard is fairly entitled to be called the "grand old man" of Palmer. Until within a few years he has been remarkably active for a man of his many years, being able to go about the streets unattended, and has also been able to attend to all the necessary repairs connected with a large block in which he lived. When 90 he built a large shed in connection with the tenement and did all the carpenter work himself, even mounting the roof to do the shingling. At about the same time he was known to have ascended a ladder to the roof of a high house and to have cleaned out the eavestrough with a dexterity and steadiness which would have done credit to a much younger man. His memory, too, was strong and vigorous, and he could relate many interesting anecdotes in connection with the war of 1812, and other events through which this country passed. He was an excellent Bible scholar, and until a few years ago was a regular attendant at divine worship. Although not particularly strong when a youth, Mr. Howard was a remarkably well preserved. He attributed his long life to his temperate habits, not having used tea or coffee for over fifty years. Always an industrious, good and true citizen, respected and esteemed by all, he was a man of whom it may well be said:

"Life's work well done;
Life's race well run;
Life's victory won—
Now, eternity rest."

Prayer will be offered at the house on Monday at 1:30 p. m., immediately followed by the funeral services conducted by Rev. G. S. Butler in the Union church at 2.

CONFLICTING TESTIMONY

In the C. H. M. Blanchard Cruelty to Animals Case.

The district court was kept busy Saturday morning hearing the case of Mrs. Cornelia H. M. Blanchard, who was charged with cruelty to animals. A number of months ago a cow belonging to Mrs. Blanchard broke its leg and has since been allowed to live. J. A. Palmer, local agent for the long-named society, recently brought the matter before the court, but the case was dismissed. Agent Anderson of Springfield later investigated the case and had Mrs. Blanchard appear before the court. The testimony of two horse doctors was taken, and as is usually the case, was one of the most conflicting kind. About the only things on which the doctors agreed was that there was a cow in Mrs. Blanchard's barn and that its right hind leg was fractured.

Mr. Anderson was the first witness and stated that he visited the premises of Mrs. Blanchard and examined the cow. He found that its right hind leg was fractured near the body and as it moved it dragged the leg and made a noise as if in pain. The animal was very poor. Dr. Benjamin Pierce of Springfield, a veteriuarian of 18 years' practice, testified that he examined the cow the previous week. He found a fracture of the right hind leg and also a dislocation of the stifle joint, of a very serious nature. In his opinion the dislocation could never be reduced. It is impossible for the cow to bend its leg and it cannot lie only on one side. The animal is suffering and will soon wear itself out and die. For the defense Mrs. Blanchard took the stand and was a very interesting witness. She did not know when the accident happened, but as soon as she learned of it she called Dr. Ellery. The leg was fractured, the doctor said. She at once took care of the cow and commenced to treat it. It grew gradually better and now there is quite a strong union formed. She stated that she had considerable experience in setting bones, having had probably twenty cases, but in reply to Agent Anderson's question why she did not set the cow's leg, replied that the animal was a little too heavy for her to handle. The cow had been given proper food and drink. Dr. S. S. Ellery was called and said that he had visited the cow several times. The first visit was made about the first of February and he found a fracture of the right hind leg. There was no dislocation of the stifle joint. Upon his next visit he found that a slight union of the bones had formed and at his last visit found a very strong union. He also stated that at that time the cow supported one-fourth of her weight upon the leg. Of course the leg would never be as good as formerly, but eventually the cow could use it without any inconvenience. There was no pain or suffering. Representative Kenefick appeared for Mrs. Blanchard and argued for her discharge. Agent Anderson pleaded briefly for her conviction. Judge Shaw reserved his decision until to-morrow morning.

Death of a Former Resident.

Bryan Gavin, 54, died at his home on Center street, Chicopee, Saturday morning of heart disease. Mr. Gavin was formerly a well-known resident of Palmer. He lived here when a child and obtained his education in the public schools of the town, and was later employed in the Nehemiah Smith carriage shop on Pleasant street. Mr. Gavin removed to Chicopee about 34 years ago, where he has since resided. He worked in the Gilmore carriage shops at Chicopee, and for the past 23 years was employed as carriage finisher in the Smith carriage shops of Springfield. For a number of weeks he had not been feeling well, and the week of his death was unable to work. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. William Murphy and Mrs. John Dawson of this town. His wife died three years ago. The funeral was held Tuesday morning from the house of his brother-in-law, M. W. Gleason, at 8:30 o'clock, with mass in the church of the Holy Name at 9, and burial in Calvary cemetery. Many of Mr. Gavin's Palmer friends attended the funeral.

Athletic Association Formed.

Representatives from the Ware high school, the Hitchcock Free Academy of Brimfield, and the Palmer high school met in Palmer yesterday and formed an athletic association, to be knowu as the Brimfield—Palmer—Ware Interscholastic Athletic Association. The main purpose of the association is to bring the baseball teams of these schools together, though it is possible that other brauches of athletics may be taken up. It has been arranged to have each club play six games, but the dates have not as yet been determined. The first game was played in Brimfield this afternoon between the Hitchcock Academy and the local high school teams. These officers of the association have been elected: President, A. D. Shaw, Palmer high school; secretary, F. A. Converse, Hitchcock Free Academy, Brimfield; treasurer, J. G. Clifford, Ware high school.

THE LICENSES GRANTED.

Holders the Same as the Last Time with One Exception.

The selectmen met in their room in the Memorial building Monday afternoon and disposed of the question, which has been of much interest to many, who should have the six licenses. The morning was spent by the town fathers in viewing the premises of the applicants. The lucky ones who were granted licenses are E. R. Pierce of the Converse House, John Murphy of the Nassawanno House and L. W. Caryl & Co., in the depot village; John F. Hartnett in Three Rivers, Maurice Moriarty in Bondsville and William Lawtou in Thorndike. The holders are the same as last year with the exception of Lawton, the license in Thorndike last year being held by T. J. Clifford in the Clinton House. Only one protest was received by the selectmen against any of the applicants and that was from Ebenezer Brown against the application of Dawson & McManamy in the Commercial block, he owning adjoining property. Druggists' licenses were granted to O. P. Allen and C. A. LeGro of the Depot village. The applications of Druggist Adams of Thorndike and Keith of Three Rivers will probably be acted upon next week.

The May Festival.

As May 1st comes on Sunday this year the ladies of the Congregational church will hold their annual May breakfast and dinner on Saturday, April 30th. The Lend-a-hand Club will have for sale fancy articles, etc, as usual. The following is the menu:

BREAKFAST.
FISH.
Broiled Shad.
MEATS.
Sirloin Steak. Bacon. Veal Steak.
EGGS.
Boiled, Fried and Scrambled Eggs.
POTATOES.
Fried. Baked. Warmed in Cream.
BREAD.
Hot Rolls, Brown Bread, Corn Cakes, Doughnuts.
Coffee. Tea.

DINNER.
SOUP.
Tomato Soup.
FISH.
Baked Shad. Baked Cod a la creme.
ROASTS.
Beef. Stuffed Veal. Pork.
VEGETABLES.
Mashed Potatoes. Lima Beans. Corn.
ENTREES.
Lobster. Potato Salad. Lettuce.
DESSERT.
Mince, Lemon, Cocoanut, Squash Pies.
English Plum Pudding.
Spanish Cream. Tapioca Cream.
Coffee Jelly.
Coffee. Nuts. Tea.

Railroad Not to Blame.

Judge Shaw held an inquest in the district court room yesterday morning in regard to the death of the man who was found hanging on the engine of the 9.20 train from the east Sunday evening, April 10. The engineer of the train was the first witness. He said that as he passed under the railroad bridge the fireman told him that a body of a man was on the front of the engine. He stopped at the station and the man was taken off and carried to the baggage room. He was hanging on the iron flag staff, which had caught his clothing. He examined the engine and found no indication of the front of the engine having come into contact with any object. There was no blood upon it and even the dust had not been disturbed. He did not know when he struck the man. His last stop was at Worcester, and at that station he had passed around the engine and everything was all right. He stated that it was his supposition that the man must have been struck at West Brookfield. At that station they passed a freight, and some distance ahead of them he saw a man cross the track and get upon the freight. The fireman was then called and corroborated his testimony. Other witnesses were E. W. Cleveland, night watchman, and Medical Examiner Holbrook. No blame can be attached to any of the railroad men for the death of the man. Nothing has been learned of the man's identity.

Contract for Electric Company's Plant.

The directors of the Central Massachusetts Electric Company met Saturday and awarded the contract for the building of their new power plant to the Flynt Building and Construction Company of this town. The contractors have already begun work upon the building, and expect to have it completed in a month or six weeks. The new building is to be of brick, and as near fire-proof as possible. A brick wall six feet high is to be built upon the top of the present stone wall holding the highway in place, and from this a sloping roof will extend to the rear wall of the structure. This will give a main room 42 by 80 feet, without a post, as the roof will be supported by trusses. On the highway side a tower 10 feet square on the inside will be raised to a height of 16 feet, and all the wires coming into the plant will enter here. When the plant is completed and is fully equipped it will be one of the finest in the state, outside of the cities.

PALMER.

The schools resumed their sessions Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Todd spent Sunday with friends in Willimantic.

Miss Oliver of Worcester is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. A. Royce.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rhodes and children spent Sunday in Warren.

Miss Etta G. Wiggin of Manchester, N. H., is visiting friends in town.

An addition is being built to the residence of Mrs. Capen on Park street.

Mrs. W. D. Clark was the guest of relatives in Glenwood Patriots' day.

Misses Nellie McMahon and Ida Barrett visited friends in Ware Sunday.

Albert Shaw was the guest of W. E. Tuthill at Providence this week.

C. B. Fiske has been appointed treasurer of the Massachusetts epileptic hospital.

A social and entertainment was held in the Baptist church Wednesday evening.

Miss Jennie L. Cowles of Amherst has been visiting at the home of C. A. LeGro.

Joseph Hobson of Indian Orchard was a guest at the home of H. S. Hobson Tuesday.

John Colvin has moved into the tenement of Lawyer H. C. Strong on South Main street.

Mrs. Nellie Smith of Fitchburg was a guest of Mrs. Emily Holdsworth Wednesday.

A number of Palmer people attended the "sunlight" dance in Monson Patriots' Day.

Miss Maud Kinnevan has been visiting friends in Brookfield and Spencer the past week.

Miss Edith Converse of Warren was the guest of her cousin, Miss Helen Converse, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Moore were guests at the home of H. H. Paine Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Hitchcock of Warren has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Julia Shearer, at Shearer's Corner.

The annual offering for foreign missions will be made at the Congregational church Sunday morning.

Miss Mary Baldwin has been spending the past two weeks with her parents in North Wilbraham.

M. Sweeney has moved from the carpet mill district into the old Randall residence on North Main street.

The 20th Century Club of Ware came here on a bicycle run Tuesday afternoon and took supper at the Converse House.

There will be a preaching service in the Advent chapel next Sunday morning by Elder H. L. Ross of Springfield.

Mrs. E. S. Beecher, who has been visiting at the home of her son, George D. Beecher in Springfield, has returned home.

Letters addressed to the following are advertised at the post office: Leonard Aldrich, Frank Cooley, E Dutton.

Dr. William Holbrook attended a meeting of the Eastern Hampden Medical Society at Hotel Worthy, Springfield, Saturday.

An unusually large band of gypsies are in camp near Mt. Dumplin. They seem to be doing quite a business trading horses.

The Wales snowball assault case, which has been continued may times, will come before the district court to-morrow morning.

The Anglomaniacs will meet Monday evening in the reference room of the library building. Henry the 5th will be read.

Misses Lena and Hattie Warriner have returned from Amherst, where they have been employed in a hat shop during the winter.

Rev. F. W. Betts of Syracuse, N. Y, a former pastor of St Paul's church, preached in the Universalist church in Springfield Sunday

Master Willard E Sedgwick, who has been visiting at the home of his grandfather, G F. Sedgwick, returned to his home in Springfield Tuesday.

W. W. Converse, manufacturer of mineral paste silver polish, has moved into his new quarters in the barn of William Merriam on Pleasant street.

Mrs. D. F. Holden, with her son, James, of Hardwick, Vt, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Loomis, of South Main street.

Asa Williams was arrested for drunkenness Friday evening by Officer Conroy and at Saturday morning's session of the district court was placed upon probation.

Master Edward Rice gave a party to a number of his young friends at his home on Pleasant street Tuesday afternoon. The event was in honor of his 6th birthday.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach Sunday morning on "The place of the church in a true life," and in the evening on "Standing on the promises."

The Woman's Tuesday Club will hold its last meeting of the year Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. W. McGregory, when officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

About a dozen members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church attended the C. E. convention in the Memorial church, Springfield, Patriots' Day.

A social and entertainment will be held in the chapel of the Universalist church next Tuesday evening under charge of the young men of the parish. Supper will be served at 6:30.

Good Cheer Rebekah Degree Lodge will hold a fair in the opera house next Tuesday evening, at which light refreshments, fancy articles and candy will be on sale in various booths.

The selectmen have drawn W. E. McDonald as juror for the May term of the superior court, criminal side, at Springfield. W. R. Milligan has been drawn as grand juror.

Rev. O. G. Petrie of the Universalist church spent Sunday and the first of the week in Boston and vicinity. Rev. W. P. Burnell of Boston occupied his pulpit Sunday morning.

O. P. Allen has received a quantity of seeds from Washington for free distribution. All wishing seeds can secure them by calling at his drug store, corner of Main and Central streets.

Miss Tillie Lacouline, telegraph operator in Agent C. E. Fish's office, will leave the first of next week for a vacation. Her place will be supplied during her absence by Miss Blanche Ramsden.

The assessors will be in session at the town house May 2d, to receive schedules and estimates of the personal and real estates possessed by persons liable to pay taxes in this town.

W. J. Bryan, the free silver orator and the last presidential candidate of the Democratic party, passed through Palmer on the 6.06 train Sunday evening, returning from his visit to Boston.

Miss M. C. McDonald, who has been displaying a line of millinery goods in Commercial block, returned to South Framingham Tuesday, where she has a position in a millinery establishment.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday morning by Rev. C. R. Minard. Subject, "The believer's relation to sin." At last Sunday morning's service two persons were baptized.

A number of citizens are improving the external appearance of their houses, the residences of J. B. Shaw, C. D. Holbrook, J. F. Foley and C. W. Bennett now undergoing the process of painting.

Miss Clara May Moffatt and William Fremont McKee were married in Worcester Wednesday by Rev. Dr. Almon Gunnison of that city. Miss Moffatt formerly worked in the local telephone exchange.

"Side Tracked" was presented to a fair-sized audience at the opera house Friday evening by the A. Q. Scammon company Monday evening a company under the same management presented "The Real Widow Brown."

Supt. E. H. Rollius and William E. Shea, who were injured in the recent fire at the electric light company's plant, are both doing nicely and expect to go out for the first time next week. Their many friends will be glad to see them.

The spring meeting of the Hampden county conference of Congregational churches will be held next Wednesday in the Agawam church. At the afternoon session Rev. F. E. Jenkins will speak upon "Home training for society's sake."

The lodges of the seventeenth Masonic district will be convened in Masonic Hall Tuesday, May 17th, for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures of the ritual, under the direction of Chauncey E. Peck of Wilbrabam, grand lecturer.

An even dozen hobos, ranging in age from 18 to 49 years, were guests at Hotel D'Alleu Tuesday evening. On the following morning they were very happily disappointed in not being made to pay for their lodging, as there was no stone on hand to be broken.

Col. Samuel Butterfield, a well-known hotel manager, died at Concord, N. H., last week. Col. Butterfield spent the summer of 1896 in Palmer as the guest of Landlord E. R. Pierce of the Converse House and during his visit made many friends, who are grieved to hear of his death.

F. T. Ley, who has the contract to build the electric road for the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company, and who is an ensign in Company H., Mass. naval brigade, at Springfield, has received orders to hold himself in readiness to report as watch officer and captain's clerk on the auxiliary cruiser Prairie.

Grand Regent Clark of Boston, Grand Chaplain Dickinson of Springfield and Grand chairman of committee on laws McKenna of Waltham paid Quaboag Council, Royal Arcanum, an official visit Tuesday evening. A large number of the members of the local council were present. A collation was served.

The last lecture in the course under the auspices of the Woman's Tuesday Club will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E G. Hastings on North Main street. The lecturer will be Miss Linda Hawley Brigham. Her subject will be "Life of Goethe, with dramatic readings from Egmont."

Next Sunday morning at the Universalist church the pastor will preach upon "Trustworthiness of the Bible as containing a revelation from God." It will be the third sermon in the series upon the Principles of Universalism. In the evening the Y. P. C. U. will hold the regular meeting. Subject, "The true light."

The King's Daughters of this district held a convention in the Congregational church Monday, afternoon and evening sessions being held. Mrs. Eliza Trask Hill of Boston, state secretary, and Mrs. J. G. Flagg of Springfield, county secretary, had charge of the convention. Mrs. Hill spoke very interestingly at both sessions.

Patriots' day was observed in the usual quiet way. It was cold, wet and disagreeable and indeed a very bad day for a holiday. The banks closed all day and the stores at noon. Many visited out of town, a large number going to Springfield. In the afternoon there was a ball game on the park and a clay pigeon shoot at Tenneyville.

The latest person addicted to the bicycle habit is Chief Bills The silent steed had no terrors for him when he first mounted, for at his very first attempt yesterday morning he rode about 100 yards before being obliged to dismount. If he only keeps on in the way he has begun, Jimmy Michael won't be "in it" with him in a short time.

The tenth annual musical festival of the Hampden County Musical Association will be held in the city hall, Springfield, May 3, 4, 5, 6. Noted singers have been secured, and G. W. Chadwick will conduct the music. Season tickets are $5, single concert tickets $1, $1.50 and $2. Doubtless many Palmer people will attend the festival, as in former years.

A. W. Adams opened his crockery store in Commercial block, formerly occupied by Jeweler E. S. Brooks, Monday. Mr. Adams has a fine line of crockery, glassware and kitchen utensils; also a large stock of dinner sets, tea sets, toilet sets, glass table sets; he has also well stocked 5 and 10-cent counters, where numerous articles of use and ornament are for sale.

Rev. A. M. Prewitt and Mrs. C. M. Leedham were married April 14th at the Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Leedham is a sister of Mrs. S. C. Hunt of this town, and was formerly well known here as Mrs. John B. Leedham. In 1885 Mr. and Mrs. Leedham removed to Arroyo Grande, Cal., where Mr. Prewitt was their pastor and an intimate friend for five years.

D. L. Bodfish advertises in another column to give each customer making a purchase of 50 cents or more at his store tomorrow and Monday a colored picture of a warship. He has pictures of the following ships: Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maine, New York, Brooklyn, Minneapolis and Columbia. On these days he will offer also special bargains and show an elegant line of shirt waists, dimities, etc.

There will be some very strong objections raised to the locating of the Standard Oil Company's tank for the storage of refined petroleum on Water street at the hearing to be given by the selectmen May 2d. The residents of that street state that they do not want the tank located near their homes, and as the last board of selectmen refused to grant the oil company permission to erect a tank back of the signal tower at the request of nearby residents, they are going to ask the present board for a like refusal.

An unfortunate delay in the arrival of the rails for the Palmer and Monson Street Railway Company has been quite a handicap to the building of the road. The rails were to have arrived by the middle of this month, but two breakdowns in the rolling mill rendered this impossible. A telegram was received last evening stating that the rolling of the rails would begin this morning and that they would be shipped as soon as rolled. They should now arrive in a few days.

That large pile of broken stone which has been accumulating near the lockup during the winter, on which many a flodding Pete and Weary Willie have spent hours of labor and miles of curses, is now disappearing, being placed upon Central street, where Road Commissioner Dillon and a force of men are placing it upon the road. It was thought at first that the rock would be placed upon Church street, but as that street is soon to be torn up for the building of a sewer, it was decided to place it upon Central street, where it will materially benefit the road.

A clay-pigeon shoot, under the auspices of the Palmer Gun Club, was held at Tenneyville Tuesday afternoon. Members of the Ware, Belchertown, Monson and Brookfield clubs were present and participated in the shoot. Good shooting was general, and if the pigeons had only been Spaniards our army would have a considerable less number of the Dons to combat, as many pigeons were killed. The best shooting was done by A. W. Stacy of Belchertown. Bert Fellows of the same town and Ed. Peck of Monson were next in excellence. The Palmer club has been invited to participate in a shoot to be held by the Monson Club on Memorial Day.

It is very often remarked that to be a good lawyer one must be a very poor writer. Of course this is not true, but poor penmanship is an accomplisment of so many lawyers that it is readily seen why the remark is made. If anyone believes poor writing is an essential to the goodness of a lawyer they cannot deny that there is one good lawyer in Palmer. Not long ago one of our attorneys wrote to a party in one of the adjacent villages concerning a matter of business. A few days afterward the party came into the office, bringing the letter, requesting to be informed what it contained, and stating that all to whom he had shown the letter had been unable to decipher its contents.

The first ball game of the season was played on the Driving park Tuesday afternoon, the contesting clubs being the Palmers and the Bondsvilles. The Palmer team, with the exception of Nelson, was made up of Warren and Wilbraham players. The day was not of the best for good ball playing and errors were numerous, many of them excusable. The full nine innings were not played on account of the rain. The Palmer team won by the score of 14 to 4, nine runs being made in the last inning in which they were at the bat, the ball being very wet and hard to hold. Kennedy, the high school pitcher, pitched a very good game for the Bondsvilles, but was given poor support. The batteries were, Palmer, Long and Collins; Boudsville, Kennedy and Sullivan.

PALMER CENTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guernon are happy in the birth, Saturday, of a son.

Mrs. Allyn and son of Holyoke are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leut.

Mrs. Bacon and Misses Emma and Lucy Bacon spent Sunday and the first of the week with friends in South Hadley.

Charles H. Sanderson died very suddenly at his home Monday morning. He had been feeble for some time, and Saturday night was taken with heart failure, and becoming unconscious never rallied. Mr. Sanderson has made his home here about 8 years, coming from Springfield, where he was well known, having worked at the armory for many years, and later being turnkey at the jail while his brother, H Q Sanderson, was sheriff. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. O G. Petrie of Palmer officiating. Mr. Sanderson was nearly 71 years of age and leaves a wife, who has the kind sympathy of all in her bereavement. Mrs. Sanderson has buried her mother, father and husband since coming here to live. Mr. Sanderson also leaves brothers, one in Millbury, and one in Terre Haute, Ind.

BONDSVILLE.

Pansies in full bloom 35c. dozen. H. L. RYTHER.

William Davis of Enfield visited friends here over Sunday.

Elbridge Horton visited friends in Westfield a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Darling spent Sunday with friends in Monson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conway visited relatives in Norwich, Ct., over Sunday.

Mrs. George R. Hillman of Northampton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hayes.

Mrs. George W. Canterbury visited her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Randall, at Gilbertville this week.

Miss Mignon Fuller of Palmer was the guest of Miss Florence Bond several days this week.

Mrs. Golden of West Ware spent a few days this week with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Sharratt

The Boston Duck Company is putting in the foundation for a new barn, to be built on the premises of the agent, Mr. Childs.

Mrs. E. F. Stone went to Augusta, Me., Monday, and will remain there for some time, or until her health is recovered.

One of the Boston Duck Company's teams is out with a new truck wagon, made by A. Giromard, and also a new set of harness

Patriots' Day was observed very quietly in this village. A few flags were hung out and a few people attended the ball game in Palmer.

The funeral of Jesse Morse was held Saturday afternoon at the home of his son-in-law, Elliot Cummings, at South Belchertown. The services were conducted by Rev. R. E. Smith. The burial took place at the South Belchertown cemetery.

THREE RIVERS.

Ernest Munsell of Belchertown is visiting F. E. Hillman.

Rev. G. S. Butler preached at Silver Street Sunday afternoon.

James Brosnahan moved his household goods to Thorndike Saturday.

Mrs. Hiram Palmer, who has been on the sick list for some time, is slowly recovering.

Miss Lottie Moore of Palmer is stopping for a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. Burlingame.

Mrs. Nettie Crossman of Springfield visited with her mother, Mrs. L. B Kendrick, this week.

Leonard Aldrich of Wilbraham, a former resident, has moved to his farm on the Belchertown road.

Rev. G. S Butler and Fred Maddon attended the Hampden Christian Endeavor convention held in Springfield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Shaw of Springfield will spend the Sabbath with Mr. Shaw's sister, Mrs. Jerre Burlingame.

Mrs. Jerre Burlingame met with an accident while going to church Sunday, since which time she has had to resort to the use of crutches.

Charles Alden of Willimansett, a former resident, has obtained his old position in the machine shop of the mill, and has moved his family here.

A baseball game between the cloth-room nine and

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Millinery.

Last week was a great week for new millinery, but this week is likely to be still greater. Everybody who has put off getting the new hat must come this week or miss the best part of the season.

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ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

To the Inhabitants and other Persons liable to pay Taxes in the Town of Palmer for the Year 1898:

The Assessors of the Town of Palmer hereby give notice to the inhabitants of said town, and all other persons liable to pay taxes therein, that they will receive at the Town House on Monday, the second day of May next, the valuation of estates, and all persons liable to be taxed in said town are hereby notified to bring into us true and perfect lists of all polls (males twenty years old and upwards), and schedules and estimates of the Personal and Real Estates for which they are liable to pay taxes in said town, possessed by them on the first day of May next.

MORTGAGED REAL ESTATE.

Any Mortgagor or Mortgagee of Real Estate situated within this town may bring in to the undersigned Assessors, within the time above specified, a statement under oath, of the amount due on each separate lot or parcel of such Real Estate, and the name and residence of every holder of an interest as a Mortgagor or Mortgagee therein. When only a part of the property described in any mortgage is situated within this town, an estimate of the amount of a Mortgagee's interest in such part; or when a recorded mortgage includes for one sum two or more estates or parts of an estate, an estimate of the amount of the Mortgagee's interest in each estate or part of an estate shall be given in such statement.—Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1882.

CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE PUBLIC STATUTES.

SECTION 14. "When any person has an interest in taxable real estate, as holder of a duly recorded mortgage, given to secure the payment of money, the amount of which is fixed and certain, the amount of his interest as Mortgagee shall be assessed as Real Estate in the place where the land lies; and the Mortgagor shall be assessed only for the value of said Real Estate after deducting the assessed value of all such Mortgagee's interest therein. When such property is situated in two or more places, the amount of the Mortgagee's interest to be assessed in each place shall be proportioned to the assessed value in the respective places of the mortgaged Real Estate, deducting therefrom the taxable amount of prior mortgages, if any therein."

SECTION 15. "If any holder of such a mortgage fails to file in the Assessors' office a statement under oath of all his estate liable to taxation under the preceding section, including a statement of the full amount remaining unpaid upon such a mortgage and of his interest therein, the amount stated in the mortgage shall be conclusive as to the extent of such interest; but the Mortgagee's interest in such real estate shall not be assessed at a greater sum than the fair cash valuation of the land and structures thereon or affixed thereto; and the amount of a mortgage interest in an estate that has been divided after the creation of such mortgage shall not be required to be apportioned upon the several parts of such estate except as provided in sections eighty-one to eighty-three inclusively."

SECTION 16. "Mortgagors and Mortgagees referred to in the two preceding sections shall, for the purpose of taxation, be deemed joint owners until the Mortgagee takes possession; and until such possession is taken by the first Mortgagee, the Assessors or the Collector of Taxes, upon application to any one of them, shall give to any such Mortgagee or Mortgagor a tax bill showing the whole tax on the mortgaged estate and the amount included in the valuation thereof as the interests of each Mortgagee and of the Mortgagor respectively. If the first Mortgagee is in possession he shall be deemed sole owner; and any other Mortgagee in possession shall be deemed joint owner with prior mortgagees."

When a statement in conformity to the law above quoted is brought in, the Real Estate therein returned will be assessed under sections 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter Eleven of Public Statutes. But in cases where the Mortgagor of the Real Estate has agreed in writing to pay all taxes assessed thereon, no statement or return is required from either Mortgagee or Mortgagor, unless requested by the Assessors in writing.

JOHN O. HAMILTON, } Assessors
H. T. BISHOP, } of
A. A. WARRINER, } Palmer.

Palmer, Mass., April 14, 1898.

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING.

Rather Lively at Times, but on the Whole a Quiet Gathering.

The adjourned town meeting was held Monday afternoon, with a fair attendance. Several lively debates took place, the school question and roads as usual coming in for a liberal share.

Moderator A. D. Norcross reported, under article 3, that several vacancies were to be filled, and the following persons were chosen: Measurers of wood and bark, A. D. Norcross and E H. Brown; sealer of weights and measures, William Sutcliffe; field drivers, J. H. Martin and T. J. Sault. The report of the committee on appropriations was accepted. Under article 8 the committee recommended raising and appropriating $12,125 for the support of schools, and the sum of $12,334.55 was appropriated, to be divided as follows: Teachers' salaries, $5800; academy tuitions, $2800; fuel, $500; janitor service, $450; supplies, $900; repairs, $400; superintendent's salary, $525; committee service, $150; transportation, $500; outstanding bills, $201 55; incidentals, $100. The first item to cause any comment was that of supplies. S. S. Closson wanted to know why more should be needed this year than last, and R. P. Cushman explained that the money was wanted to buy text books, principally in German, for students in the Academy. Rev. James Tufts thought the system of supplying books wholly wrong. Dr. Rand said that it was customary in other towns to do this, and thought we should do as much as possible for the children rather than as little, and his opinion prevailed.

The school committee asked for $225 for their services, $75 more than last year. Mr. Closson thought the committee had almost nothing to do and were well paid, and he was somewhat enlightened by William Sutcliffe as to the duties of the committee. F. E. Morris thought if the committee worked for money the sum was much too small, but as the committee agreed to accept a merely nominal price for service several years ago when supervision was voted upon in the affirmative, he felt that there should be no raise of pay asked. C. W. King said that as the treasurer, two water commissioners, cemetery commissioners and others gave their services, the school committee were well paid. The matter of transportation was then taken up, and Mr. Tufts and Mr. Sutcliffe did not favor closing the out-district schools Dr. Rand replying, said, "No schools have been closed during the past 11 years when there has been an attendance of more than four pupils, except East Hill, and then it was with the consent of the parents. If the people want a school kept open for two or three children the committee want to know it Children from the Quarry district have been transported to the village schools because the Quarry school was full. It is necessary to do this, or build another schoolhouse." Mr. Tufts said that parents had told him that they kept their children at home rather than have them transported. After Dr. Rand explained that the $209 55 asked for to pay outstanding bills would have been paid out of last year's appropriation had the bills been presented before the close of the town year, it was voted to appropriate that sum.

The committee recommended that $4000 be raised and appropriated for highways and bridges. S. S. Closson suggested that $2000 be used for permanent roads and $2000 for repairs. W. M. Tucker thought $2000 altogether too small an amount for ordinary roads and recommended $1000 for permanent roads. Mr. Closson gave his ideas as to the best methods of road-building, strongly deprecating the use of the road-scraper. W. H. Underwood thought that the sum of $4000 should be expended at the discretion of the commissioner. A. H. White thought $1000 sufficient for permanent roads. C. M. Gage said that there was a diversity of opinion as to the permanency of macadam, and favored waiting a few years to see how the macadam wears that the town already has. It was then voted to raise and appropriate $4000, $1000 of which to be used for permanent roads.

The sum of $3000, to be taken from the corporation tax, was allowed for necessary expenses, and $1700 for support of the poor; $300 was appropriated for the use of the library; $1300 for discount on taxes; $500 for sidewalks; $1575 for lighting the streets; $400 for cemetery purposes; $100 for the observance of Memorial Day.

Under article 19, Mr. Closson seemed anxious that a concrete walk should be laid a part of the way on Margaret street, but Mr. Tucker and J. C. Maguire believed it unnecessary. It was voted that $150 be expended for this purpose at the discretion of the selectmen. Under article 20 William Sutcliffe explained the need of a better road and $200 was appropriated; $250 was appropriated for grading Highland avenue; article 22 was laid over, and $300 was appropriated for the use of the fire department; $225 for a road scraper; article 27 laid over; under article 23, relating to grading State street and building a sidewalk thereon, a special committee was appointed, who reported that the sum of $1500 would be necessary to put the road in the required shape, and recommended that the article be passed over. F. D. Beach gave his reasons why the road needed raising between bridges, and referred to the open sewer running beside the road for some distance, which is most unsightly at the point where it runs under the road and at times almost a nuisance. W. M. Tucker contradicted these statements and displayed considerable feeling over the fact that the Palmer JOURNAL had called attention to this street, and criticised the correspondent. T J. Sault agreed with Mr. Beach, and it was finally voted to pass over the article. The question of raising money for the suppression of the illegal sale of liquor was voted upon at the regular meeting, but was brought up for reconsideration. Rev. F. S. Hatch moved that $199 be raised and appropriated. This caused considerable comment, although the various speakers agreed that violators should be prosecuted, but not all thought that the selectmen should be limited to that small sum. The vote stood 30 for amending, 25 in the negative. Since the meeting the question of legality has been raised.

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MONSON.

Death of John D. Bradway.

John D. Bradway, 81, another of Mouson's oldest residents, died at the home of his son, Omer E. Bradway, on East Hill, yesterday morning. About four years ago he had a severe illness and his health had been failing ever since, although he had been able to be about until last Thanksgiving, since which time he had been confined to the house. Mr. Bradway was born on the place now owned by Daniel F. Moulton, on Moulton Hill, where he lived until 1850, when he moved to East Hill, having always been a resident of Monson and a prosperous farmer. On May 10, 1837, he was married to Miss Caroline Hoar of Monson, who lived but a few years. On November 9, 1847, he was again married to Sophronia M. Bradway, who died March 15th, 1896. Of a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, only two survive him, one son, Omer E., with whom he has made his home, and one daughter, Mrs Charles L. Jewett, living on Moulton Hill. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence on East Hill.

Cantwell—Herlihy.

A quiet wedding took place at the parochial residence of St. Patrick's church Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, when Miss Alice M. Cantwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cantwell, and Postmaster John P. Herlihy, Jr., were united in marriage by Rev. Thomas O'Keefe. Miss Johanna V. Cantwell, a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and M. J Daly of Thorndike was best man. The bride was attired in a traveling costume of royal blue, with gloves and hat to match. Mr. Herlihy has been postmaster in Monson for two years and u half, and previous to his taking that office was very prominent in town political affairs. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home on State street, only a few of their friends and the immediate families being present. The happy couple left on the boat train at 7 25 o'clock for New York, where they will remain a few days. On their return they will reside at Mr. Herlihy's residence on Pearl street.

Veteran Firemen's Association Formed.

A meeting of those interested in forming a veteran firemen's association was held in No. 1 engine house Monday evening. It was voted to form an association, and these officers were elected: President, David B. Needham; first vice president, Frank A. Bills; second vice president, Nelson A. Bugbee; secretary and treasurer, Henry F. Miller; directors to consist of president, vice presidents and secretary, T. H. Keefe, L. C. Flynt, H. C. Norcross, B. F. Ritter. The next meeting will be held Monday evening.

The Woman's Relief Corps will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday night.

H. Needham of Westfield is spending a few days at his home on Harrison avenue.

S. F. Cushman & Sons' home mill has been shut down a few days this week for repairs.

Fuller, the shoeist, is giving a jackknife to every boy who buys a pair of shoes at his store.

Miss Esther R Holmes and Miss Mahelle L Anderson are spending a few days in New York.

Richard Gavin is at Amherst College to-day, to procure a trainer for the athletic association.

Dr C. O. Thompson and son Harold of Boston are visiting George H. Thompson in South Monson.

John S. Nelligan is assisting in the post office during the absence of Postmaster John P. Herlihy, Jr.

Mrs. O. C. McCray is visiting friends in Willimantic, Ct.

The funeral of Mrs. C. S. Pease was held at the house Saturday afternoon, Rev. Harry Blackford officiating.

G. H. Seymour has taken the agency for the Tribune bicycle, and will have some sample wheels to show in a few days.

The regular meeting of A. A. Gage camp, S. of V., will be called at 7 o'clock next Tuesday night instead of 8 o'clock, the usual hour.

A biograph exhibition will be given in Memorial hall Friday evening, May 6th, under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps.

A. C. Page, machinist at D. W. Ellis & Son's woolen mill, bruised his hand severely last Saturday by having it caught in one of the gears.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Universalist church will give a supper at the church next Friday night, followed by a musical by Prof. J. S. R. Coy, assisted by his pupils.

Several Monson people have received Norwich papers giving the description of a moter carriage built for Dr. Brown of that place. Dr. Brown is quite well known in Monson, his wife, formerly Miss Gertrude Bell, being a former resident here.

The directors of the Monson National Bank held a meeting Wednesday and elected Solomon F. Cushman, Sr., president, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R M. Reynolds, and Theodore Reynolds vice president, in place of Mr. Cushman.

H. D. Osborne is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on his appointment as deputy sheriff It is some years since Monson had an officer of this rank; in fact it is understood that there have been but two in the history of the town, E. P. Newton, and F. H King.

Edward P. Newton has among other rare possessions some pamphlets, one the election sermon preached by Rev. Nathaniel Emmons before the governor, his council and both branches of the Legislature May 30, 1798, and the other a similar sermon by Rev. Thomas Allen, preached May 25, 1808 They have been well preserved and are quite curious, compared with similar volumes printed in the present style.

The entertainment in the Academy chapel to-morrow evening by Miss Mary A Wales, assisted by a few of her drawing pupils, will consist of the reproduction by means of tableaux of some of the famous pictures of the world, and will be illustrated and colored by the stereopticon. During the entertainment there will be some musical selections. The admission will be 25 cents, the proceeds to be used for furnishing models and other material for the drawing class.

The meeting of the Monson-Brimfield school committee, which was to have been held last Friday afternoon, was postponed on account of the weather until yesterday. Mrs. C. W. Jackson was chosen superintendent to July 1899. Her present term of office expires May 10th, of this year. It was deemed advisable to make this change in order that it might conform with other departments of school work. Mrs. Jackson's reelection will be very pleasing to the teachers, parents and her many friends.

The class of '98, Monson Academy, has elected these officers and committees: President, Charles P. Dow; vice president, Miss Helen Pease; secretary, R. T. Morris; treasurer, Miss Maud Aldrich; committee on class day, Ernest Fuller, Miss Bertha Noble, Miss Helen Pease; prudential committee, Miss Lenora Stiles, Allen Bufflugton, Miss Flora Markham; photograph committee, R. Richards, Miss Delphene Osborne, J. P. Thacker; printing committee, Walter R. Davis, Miss Maud Aldrich, Charles P. Dow; music committee, Cyrus Converse, Miss Grace Moore, Miss C. B. Davis; ivy committee, R. T. Morris, Miss Lillian G. Duncan, R. P. Gavin.

The World's Glass Blowers will begin a week's engagement in Memorial Hall next Monday evening for the benefit of A. A. Gage camp S. of V. The entertainment comprises three parts each evening, the works of the crystal artists, the Bohemian Orchestral concerts, and a social hop. The display of the glass workers will occupy a space of 125 feet front, showing the furnaces, spinning wheels and looms for the manufacture of glass cloth, the display including the cabinet 20 feet front and 7 feet high and deep, showing everything that it is possible to manufacture in silk made in glass. The music will consist of classic and popular selections, with solos on the violin, piano, staff bells, musical glasses, zylophone, pipeophone, cornet, oboe and clariuet. Special features will be introduced, including crystal prizes to the handsomest baby, the handsomest lady, most popular school girl, homeliest man, best lady waltzer, best gentleman waltzer, and also to the school pupil who makes the most words from the word crystal.

LUDLOW.

Men's night was observed at the Ludlow Center grange Monday evening, the men having entire charge of the entertainment.

The school committees of this and the towns of Wilbraham, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, and Hampden met in Springfield Saturday for the purpose of choosing a school superintendent for another year. Miss Mary L. Poland, the present superintendent, was unanimously elected.

HOLLAND.

Schools closed Monday for visiting day.

Quite a number of families entertained friends and relatives Patriots' Day.

Ora Webber was the guest of Harriet Blodgett at Warren several days recently.

On account of the unfavorable weather, the attendance at the social Friday evening was small.

John F. Gage of Sandersdale has purchased the Christopher Vinton farm and moved there last week.

Lyman Moore of Mashapang has been in town several days attending to affairs upon the farm which he recently purchased.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

George Pfersick is the guest of V. Basnor.

Miss Emily Corey of Southbridge has been visiting Mrs. A. H. Bump.

Miss May Davenport has returned to finish her last term at the Brimfield Academy.

Some of the tenements of the village are being repaired, Chester and James Scarborough doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherhead of Rhode Island are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Chester Scarborough.

A mayflower party from Southbridge reined into the village Tuesday, where they were welcomed, and spent the evening playing whist.

WEST WARREN.

Mrs. Shirley has returned to her home in Jewett City, Ct.

The Gilson family moved this week to Springvale, Me.

Joseph Davis and family of Bondsville spent Sunday with friends in town.

Jason Fosket has moved into the house vacated by E. Forte on Chapel street.

Robert Buchanan of East Cambridge is visiting his mother and sister this week.

Miss Lizzie Armour spent the Sabbath at her home and returned to Three Rivers Tuesday.

Mrs. Kennedy has returned from New York, and now exhibits a fine display of milliuery.

Mrs. William Rhodes and children of Palmer have been visiting at Mrs. John Shaw's this week.

There was a large attendance from here at the concert given at the firemen's ball in Warren Monday night

The order of services at the M. E. church has been changed. There will now be preaching at 2 p. m., followed by Sunday school service.

WALES.

The sextou will bury the entombed bodies to-morrow.

Mrs. Bonner of Southbridge is visiting at W. Brown's.

Dr. H. G. Webber of Wilbraham was in town Tuesday.

C. G. Needham is making extensive repairs on his Main street home.

D. E. Parker and wife spent last Sunday with L. A. Fisk in Wilbraham.

Miss Mabel Camp has been confined to her room several days with an attack of the grip.

Julia Barry offers $5 reward for the arrest and conviction of the parties who poisoned her pet cat, which was her constant companion.

The Baker houses, sold at auction Wednesday, were disposed of as follows: One on Main street to T. J. Hynes; one on Church street to Mrs. Worth and one to J. H. Leudley the Valley houses were sold to Emil Lehar. This property was assessed for $4025 and was sold for $2093, which shows how near the real value is compared with the assessors' valuation, and it is thought that this is a fair sample of the value of property compared with the assessors' value throughout the town.

WARE.

George Clark of Springfield has taken a position in Naylor's furniture store.

S. B. Bond camp, Sons of Veterans, will send delegates to the anniversary exercises of the battle of Bunker Hill at Boston, June 17.

An all-day fair for the benefit of the East Congregational church will be held in the chapel May 3d by a number of the societies connected with the church.

Michael Lyon of Westerly, R I., was arrested for drunkenness Saturday night and taken to Northampton Monday by Chief Fitzgerald. He was given 30 days in the house of correction.

A school of instruction under the direction of the department president and department inspector of the woman's relief corps will be held here May 11 by several of the corps in the surrounding towns.

The comic opera, "Chimes of Normandy," was given in the town hall Monday evening for the benefit of the building fund of All Saints' church. A large audience was present and enjoyed the able presentation of the piece.

The East Congregational society has been incorporated with these officers: Clerk, H. K. Hyde; treasurer, D. A. Ainsworth; auditor, W. G. Hamilton; trustees, D. A. Ainsworth, Andrew Bryson, H. K. Hyde, William S. Hyde, George E. Tucker; music committee, W. G. Hamilton, H. E Fisher, Nelson Dwight. The old board of deacons and the superintendent of Sunday school were re-elected

BELCHERTOWN.

Miss Gertrude Shaw of Providence is stopping at Park View.

Mrs. L. K. Newell has taken rooms with Mrs. L. J. Thurston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Dewey are to occupy the tenement in Olive Hyde's house.

Miss Bessie Bridgman, who has spent the winter in New York, has returned to her home in Belchertown.

Delegations from the Christian Endeavor societies of Amherst and Packardsville visited the Belchertown society Sunday evening.

Mrs. G. L Norton and children of Ware, and Rev. and Mrs. F. F. Thayer and child of Ayer, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Towne.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society was held Monday afternoon and the following officers chosen: Clerk, F. L. Stebbins; treasurer, H. A. Hopkins; collector, A. D Randall; prudential committee, A. H. Bartlett, Martin Bardwell, F. L. Stebbins; music committee, H. A. Hopkins, F. L. Stebbins, A. C. Shaw; committee to look after legacies, A. H. Bartlett, D. F. Shumway, F. L Stebbins. It was voted to continue the envelope system, and to raise $900 for pastor's salary and $100 for music; also to reengage Rev. G. J. Newton. E. F. Towne, D. P. Clapp and W. H. Hawkes were appointed a committee to repair the chapel.

A very interesting teachers' institute was held at Belchertown Monday. The morning session opened at 9 o'clock and was spent discussing the different methods of teaching arithmetic. The afternoon session began at 1. Miss Louise Allen explained in a very interesting way her method of giving elementary lessons in reading Some consideration was given to the use of phonics; also the combination of writing with reading. Principal Guild gave comprehensive suggestions on training in the department of reading. A discussion arose on methods of teaching, length of lessons, intelligent reading, etc. Outside work was talked of by Miss Ryther and Miss Landers, paying attention to the study of colors, flowers and stones. Mr. Knight suggested various ways in which the committee may be useful to the teachers M. A. Morse followed by giving some helpful suggestions on busy work, language, spelling and discipline.

BRIMFIELD.

Morton W. Hale returned to his studies at Revere Law College Monday.

Miss Anna Cutler has returned to Brimfield for the summer.

Mrs. C. M. Ward of Natick is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Tarbell.

Funeral of Mrs. Warren.

Mrs. Mary E Warren, 75, widow of the late James J. Warren, died of heart disease at her home in Worcester Tuesday, after an illness of several weeks. The burial was in Brimfield, and funeral services were held in the town hall yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Warren's husband, who died about five years ago, was a native and a leading citizen of Brimfield. After Mr. Warren's business caused him to reside with his family in Worcester during a part of the year, he kept the old home in Brimfield for a summer residence, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren were always identified with the interests of the town. Mrs. Warren's absence did not diminish her attachment for her Brimfield home, or for the people by whom she, in turn, was held in most affectionate esteem. Her social qualities, and her cordial, sympathetic and generous nature made her beloved by all who knew her. Her home was a center of hospitality, and she was constantly bestowing kindness upon those around her. She was an uncommonly large-hearted woman, possessed of a charitable spirit and a benevolent disposition. A personal interest went with her benevolent acts, and the world was made brighter for many people from the consciousness of possessing a friend as well as a benefactor in Mrs. Warren.

Rev. G. H. Flint of Boston, assistant pastor of the Old South church, a relative of Mrs. Warren's, officiated at the funeral, and paid a beautiful and fitting tribute to Mrs. Warren's character. He spoke of her life as being a marked illustration of the unfolding of the qualities of the heart, so pure and tender was her conception of duty. He dwelt upon her generosity of spirit, which means more than kindness. Her life overflowed with benefits to others, and she gave of herself so unreservedly in feeling and interest. Children and young people, as well as those of maturer years, will pay their tribute of sorrow at her loss. Yet, while she lived so much in the lives of others, her home held the first place in her affection and loving service. Her life was an example of purity, of unselfish devotion, of Christ-like love and service, and, though she is removed from the sight of those she loved, her memory will live as a radiant influence.

The platform of the hall was decorated with potted plants by Brimfield friends, and there were unusually choice flowers, among which were beautiful ones from the J. J. Warren Manufacturing Company of Worcester.

WARREN.

Miss Alice Canning is visiting friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shumway have returned from Washington.

Warren Lodge, Royal Arcanum, received a visit from the grand officers this week.

The Warren *Herald* office flouts the stars and stripes, with "For Free Cuba," on it.

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Hastings of Brookline are guests of Mrs. J. W. Hastings on Maple street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Strickland are spending a few days in Springfield, guests of Frank Strickland.

Rev. H. J. Wren of St. Paul's church gave his illustrated lecture on "The Bible" at Monson and Worcester this week.

The interior of the Congregational church is being thoroughly cleaned and the carpets renovated, under the auspices of the parish auxiliary.

Rev. Mr. Hatch of Bangor, Me., secretary of the state missionary work, preached in the Congregational church Sunday, and will occupy the same pulpit next Sunday.

"The Chimes of Normandy," which was presented by local talent at the town hall last week Thursday and Friday nights, was a great success. A large audience was present each night. Monday evening the opera was given at Ware for the benefit of the Catholic church of that town.

Mrs. John Hellyar died at her home on Southbridge street Monday morning. She had been a long-time resident of Warren, but was a native of England. Her father, John Wise, came to the town when she was a child, and settled on the farm now occupied by Frank Keyes. Her husband, John Hellyar, died many years ago; also her two daughters, Mrs. Mary Tucker and Mrs. Joshua Moody. A grandson, John Tucker, is the only immediate relative. The funeral services were held at the Universalist church Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Harry Moore and Rev. Theodore Fischer officiated.

Firemen's Ball.

The concert and ball given by the Firemen's Aid Association Monday night at the town hall was a grand success, the hall being crowded to its utmost capacity. The Second Regiment Band of Springfield furnished music, and the musical part of the programme was well rendered. A feature of the concert was the fancy dancing of Louise and Jeannette LaBlana, which was most enthusiastically received. The biograph was also an attraction. The grand march was at 10.30, and was led by the Misses LaBlana. There were about 28 numbers on the dance order, and the floor was filled at nearly every number. The stage was prettily decorated, palms and Easter lilies predominating. Supper was served at Hotel Ramsdell. A large number of out-of-town guests were present from the Brookfields, Spencer, Worcester, Boston, Cambridge, Shrewsbury, Brattleboro and Springfield. Prof. Kelly of Springfield was prompter.

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RETURNING—Leave Boston 8.45 a. m.; 1.30, 4.00 p. m. Sundays, 1.30 p. m.
FOR Worcester—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Cold Brook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

GOING WEST.

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Pansy Park, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 7.15, 11.24 a. m.; 4.28, 6.47 p. m. Sundays, 4.35 p. m.
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I am sick of the showy seeming,
Of a life that is half a lie;
Of the faces lined with scheming,
In the throng that hurries by.
From the sleepless thought's endeavor,
I would go where the children play;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

I feel no pride, but pity
For the burdens the rich endure;
There is nothing sweet in the city
But the patient lives of the poor.
O, the little hands so skilful,
And the child mind choked with weeds,
The daughter's heart grows wilful,
And the father's heart that bleeds.

No, no! from the streets rude bustle,
From trophies of mart and stage,
I would fly to the wood's low rustle,
And the meadow's kindly page.
Let me dream as of old by the river,
And beloved for the dream alway;
For a dreamer lives forever,
And a toiler dies in a day.

—*John Boyle O'Reilly.*

HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW.

"Some time," said the young man, "when business is light, I am going to take a day off, and when I do some of the comic papers will do well to engage a large assortment of guards."

"Going to turn in some comic verse, are you?" inquired the older man, facetiously.

"No, I'm not," answered the young man, with emphasis, "but I'll bet when I get through with them they will know a few things about their business that they never knew before."

"Oh, they've been having fun with you, have they?" exclaimed the older man. "But you mustn't mind that. It's all in good nature, you know."

"They haven't mentioned me," asserted the young man, "but they have led me astray by a long series of inane jests, and I intend to show them the error of their ways. I suppose you know that I've been married just about a year?"

"Yes, I heard of your wedding."

"Well, just about two months after we were married my wife informed me one morning that her mother was coming to visit us. I immediately thought of the comic papers. Before she became my mother-in-law I rather like the old lady, but of course things were different after the wedding. Consequently I stamped around and swore a bit and declared that I wanted it understood that no relative to either party to the contract could step in there and run that house. Then my wife came back at me with the statement that if her mother wasn't welcome we might as well come to an understanding at once and arrange for a separation. I replied that she was welcome so long as she was willing to mind her own business, but that it was a well-known fact that no mother-in-law ever had succeeded in doing that yet. Naturally the result was that when her mother arrived my wife and I were not on the best of terms, and it didn't take long for the old lady to see it. When she did see it, she acted."

"Roasted you, I suppose," said the older man.

"Roasted me, nothing!" returned the young man. "She roasted her daughter. I happened to overhear it, and when she laid down the law as to the duties of a wife my heart went out to her, and I felt meaner than a bobtail flush for all I'd said of her. And she's been the same ever since. She doesn't mix in much of any when there's a 'tiff,' but I can easily see that she takes my end of it when I'm not there. And good natured! Say! She's the best natured woman you ever heard of. Talk about mothers-in-law! I wish you'd point out one of those humorous writers to me for a minute. I'm feeling pretty strong to-day."—*Chicago Record.*

NEW WHIST PUNISHMENTS.

The American whist congress in convention assembled has adopted a sliding scale of punishments for the various high crimes and misdemeanors committed around the whist table. They are to be enforced by all whist clubs immediately. Here are some of them:—

Failing to notice partner's lead—to play for 30 consecutive evenings with women.

Failing to notice partner's signal for trumps—death or instruction of one or more young women in the game.

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Not knowing the American leads—to be posted at all clubs and given the cold, clammy cut, the dead hand, the marble heart and the empty pocketbook.

Playing straight American leads when a variation of the same would be better—to be fined $500.

Leading from a sneak—to be banished from polite and other society.

For not knowing the silly English names for the various queer hands—to be treated with silent contempt.

For preferring lucky whist to duplicate—life imprisonment.

For preferring any other game to whist—to be burned at the stake.—*New York Sunday World.*

A QUICK WITTED IRISHMAN.

While Kit Carson was trapping with a party on the Arkansas river O'Neil, a green Irishman, went out alone one evening to hunt for game. It was the law of the camp that every man who went out for game should bring in "meat" of some kind.

There was a small herd of buffaloes feeding about 600 yards from the camp, and presently those who were cooking supper heard the report of O'Neil's rifle. In a few minutes they saw O'Neil running for the camp, bareheaded, without his gun and chased by a buffalo bull. "Here we come!" shouted the Irishman. "Stop us! stop us!"

The bull was not more than six feet behind the Irishman, who, tripping over a tent rope, tumbled headforemost into a puddle of water, capsizing several camp kettles containing the trappers' supper. Carson jumped for his rifle and dropped the bull.

As O'Neil rose from the puddle he was saluted with shouts of laughter. But his Irish wit saved him. "Sure," he shouted, dripping with mud and water, "haven't I fetched the mate into camp? There was no bargain whether it should be dead or alive."—"*The Old Santa Fe Trail.*"

Great picture buyer (to hostess)—"What do you think of an artist who painted cobwebs on the ceiling so truthfully that the servant wore herself into an attack of nervous prostration trying to sweep them down?" Hostess (a woman of experience)—"There may have been such an artist, but there never was such a servant."—*Tit-Bits.*

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Mrs. W. W. Rice is a widow living at the little village of Wyatt, in Ellis County, Tex. Her youngest child is little Ruby. In the fall of 1889, when Ruby was a little tot two years old, that fearful plague, cerebro-spinal meningitis, with the spotted fever accompaniment, became epidemic in the neighborhood of the Rice family. Her father, two brothers and herself were stricken down, the father and one of the sons soon dying with it. Little Ruby lingered between life and death for five weeks, when she began a slow recovery. Her illness left her totally blind and deaf, and she has never since been able to articulate.

In spite of her great misfortune, Ruby is a bright, intelligent, and pretty child.

Some of her performances are indeed remarkable. While The *News* man was present her sister handed her a needle and spool of thread. The child put both the end of the thread and the eye of the needle in her mouth, and, taking them out again, quickly passed the thread through the needle's eye with her tongue. Ruby seems to be as fond of dolls as the average little girl, and displays wonderful skill in cutting out and making dresses, aprons, capes, etc., for her minute babies. She has a habit of inspecting the trimming and style of cut of the dresses of lady visitors, and she shows great ingenuity in so cutting and trimming her doll's wardrobe.

Her sewing is not confined to her fingers, by any means. She is equally expert with the sewing machine, and is very fond of operating it.

Ruby's accomplishments do not stop at plain sewing. After cutting and sewing her doll's clothes she also cuts and works the buttonholes and sews on the buttons. She is, for the most part, self-taught in these manipulations. She keeps her clothes in her own trunk, and does not allow any one else to put anything in it. Not long ago her sister put some aprons in Ruby's trunk, but they were soon discovered by the little miss and were summarily cast upon the floor. Ruby, while affectionate and amiable in position, is by no means devoid of temper.

She sometimes goes into the fowl-house—always at night—and catches chickens, which she puts into a coop. Next day, after amusing herself with them a while, she turns them out. The chickens do not seem to be afraid of her. As may be supposed, little Ruby is very much humored, and, as far as possible, she is allowed to do just as she pleases, and amuse herself as suits her best.—*Galveston News.*

BEWARE OF MORPHINE.

Special forms of suffering lead many a woman to acquire the morphine habit. One of these forms of suffering is a dull, persistent pain in the side, accompanied by heat and throbbing.

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If I knew the box where the smiles are kept,
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Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard
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Then over the land and sea broadcast
I'd scatter the smiles to play,
That the children's faces might hold them fast
For many and many a day.

If I knew a box that was large enough
To hold all the frowns I meet,
I would try to gather them, every one,
From nursery, school, and street.

Then, folding and holding, I'd pack them in,
And turn the monster key;
I'd hire a giant to drop the box
To the depths of the deep, deep sea.

NEGRO NUNS OF NEW ORLEANS.

In the old French quarter of New Orleans, with its narrow streets, latticed windows and jealously guarded courts, where the fig and orange tree grow, is a square of rather miscellaneous architecture. Its central building, No. 717 Orleans street, is several hundred years old. It has a stately entrance, with great pillars and old-fashioned, ornately carved doors. It was once the old Creole opera house and ball-room of the early days. Now it is the home of the colored nuns.

The powdered and ringleted damsels with hoop distended skirts who stepped daintily across the threshold to scenes of gayety in by-gone years have given place to dark-robed figures whose white ruffled caps only bring into stronger relief the bronze and ebony of their skins. The very names of the streets here are rich in history and romance. There are Orleans and Bourbon, Chatres and—him of the iron hand and gentle heart—Tonty. Shades of the past are jostling one another, though in a gentle, shadelike way, at every street corner, and at nothing do they seem to be more astonished than at the sight of the colored nuns.

Yet the order is not such a modern one after all, for it was founded in New Orleans over half a century ago. Its members are now well known figures on the streets of the Cresent city. The special object of its institution was the education and moral training of young colored girls and the care of orphans and aged infirm people of the race. It has had the cordial support of such eminent churchmen as Archbishops Blanc, Odin, Perche, Leroy and Janssens, who successfully filled the archiepiscopal see of New Orleans. It is also a novitiate where young colored girls are trained for the work of the order with the view of extending that work to every parish in Louisiana, and, if possible, into every southern state.

One of the most interesting parts of the convent is the orphan asylum, where children ranging in age from the wee tots just beginning to walk to girls of 12 and 14 years are cared for. One of the sisters in charge of the babies was an ex-slave. She is a real "mammy" still.

"But, reverend mother, you seem to have some white children here," said the northern visitor, commenting on the fair white skin of some of the children.

"Oh, no," said the nun, smiling a bit wistfully at the ignorance of her visitor; "they all have colored blood in their veins. Maybe they are only quadroons, octoroons; some of them, indeed, have only 1-10 colored blood, but that 1-10 black counts more than the 9-10 white, and makes them belong forever to the colored people."

One is reminded of some of Cable's stories, the pathos and tragedy thereof.

In the orphan asylum 135 children are sheltered who would otherwise be thrown upon the state. These, as well as the 60 poor old colored men and women, and many of the children in the school, are dependent upon the sisters for their daily bread. Formerly the sisters obtained a fair revenue by going through the streets of New Orleans, from door to door, and into business houses and railroad offices, soliciting alms for their charges. So quietly did they labor that few outside the city were even aware of the existence of the order, the only colored sisterhood in the United States. But the yellow fever which broke out in the South in August caused that section to be hemmed in by quarantine, and the wheels of commerce were stopped. As a pathetic letter just received from one of the sisters says: "Our friends have always been among the poor laboring classes, who seem to feel most for us, and since this class has suffered particularly through lack of employment for three months, and their distress at present is almost as great as ours, we cannot in conscience apply to them for aid. Even if we did, it would not be forthcoming, as they have not the means."—*St. Louis Republic.*

ELEPHANT AND BABY.

I wonder if any of our little people have seen a mother elephant put her baby to bed? says a writer in the *Outlook.*

I saw it once, and it was such a pretty sight I should like to tell you about it. It was sunset time in the summer, and the gentler animals of the Zoo in one of the great cities of the world were in yards and folds outside the building; when I reached the enclosure belonging to Mother Elephant there was a large number of men, women and children standing along the fence. They were very quiet, as if they were afraid of disturbing some one. As I stopped by the fence and looked into the yard, a small girl touched my skirt, pursed up her mouth, and giving me a solemn look of warning, pointed to the elephants.

Mamma Elephant had her trunk around her baby's neck and seemed to be whispering and encouraging him, as he rubbed his head against her knee. He stood a moment, then raised his head, flapped his little ears, gave a flirt of his little cord of a tail, and trotted off by his mother's side to the center of the yard; there she left him and went to a pile of hay that stood in a corner; this she took up, bunch by bunch, with her trunk, so nicely that she did not drop a wisp of it, and spread it around her child, who had not stirred from the spot where she had left him.

When the hay had been all spread around the baby, the mother stepped into the center and began to tread it down with her feet, the little one following her motions exactly till a perfectly even space had been trodden down; then Mamma Elephant stepped out again, went to the further side of the yard and fumbled about the ground with her trunk. As she came back her baby flourished his small trunk and flapped his ears, making at the same time a soft, grunting sound, as if he knew what was coming and liked it. This time mamma stood outside the baby's bed, and beginning with the back of the ears, blew a small cloud of fine dust into folds of skin behind them; then into those around his legs and under them, until he was thoroughly powdered for the night. This done she again put her trunk around his body, the little fellow dropped to his knees on this carefully trodden bed, and after a few soft pats and a few soft grunts from his mother, he lay as a well-trained child of the elephant family should.

The mother's work, however, was not yet done; she took up delicately the hay from the edge of the bed and began tossing it lightly along his sides and up toward his back till its ridges no longer showed.

When all was done, the small girl who had warned me not to disturb the proceeding heaved a great sigh, and, turning to me, said:

"I would just like to know what they do it for?"

So I told her, explaining the habit wild animals have of treading their beds, to make sure there are no snakes in the grass; the necessity of dust-powdering the young, whose skin is tender in the folds and who are troubled by insects; the piling up the dry grass around them, to conceal them from the possible hunter.

"My! don't they know a lot! More'n some folks, I fancy!" said the little girl. "And she never punched nor pushed him, neither, though he wasn't very quick," she added, speaking to a tired-looking woman who stood by smiling.

"No, dear," she said. "She has but one child at a time to put to bed."

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THINGS TO REMEMBER.

In preparing carrots for cooking, always scrape; never peal.

Cinders form a good material for covering the floors and paths of the conservatory.

In mending gloves, use fine cotton thread instead of silk, which is apt to cut the kid.

Examine the outdoor rose beds occasionally to see that the wind has not removed the covering.

During cold weather use alcohol to wash windows. This prevents the windows from freezing and gives them a fine polish.

The plants stored for the winter in the cellar have now been in some time. Perhaps they need a little water or other attention.

Where plants are kept about the windows, cold drafts from the sides of the sash should be carefully guarded against during severe weather.

Frequent cleansing of foliage plants, by using tepid water and a sponge, lends to their attractiveness, and is essential to the health of the plants.

In roasting beef dredge with flour, salt and pepper, then sear quickly in hot oven or in suet on top of stove, put in a cool oven and finish roasting, allowing ten minutes to a pound.

Just at this time, when work with the flowers is very light, it is a good time to consider what will be best to plant in the garden in the spring. When the proper time comes everything must be in readiness, so that no valuable time will be lost.

Silver that has been laid away and thus become badly tarnished can be cleaned quickest if the first application of the whiting is moistened with sweet oil before application. Afterward dry whiting can be used as usual.

Two emergency suggestions are that the loose top of a lamp may be secured by using plaster of paris wet with water and quickly applied, and that mustard water is useful to clean the hands after handling any odorous substance.

To clear old flower pots on which green moss and a sort of white mold has grown, scrub them vigorously with sand and water. This will make the pots look bright and new. Use porous vessels only to pot plants in. They will do better in such than in tin cans.

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SHE FELT WISER THAN HER MAKER.

There is an attractive young woman of five years who is being instructed by her parents in the idea of the Deity; that her youthful mind has not as yet grasped the intricate problem in its entirety may be gleaned from the following incidents: In pursuance of her intention, her mother requires her daily to thank God at least once for something he has permitted her to do during the previous 24 hours and to report to her mother what it is for which thanks have been rendered.

To the amusement and chagrin of her mother Alice announced the other day that the latest thanks due the Creator of her being were for two lumps of sugar which she had been permitted to steal.

"But, Alice," remonstrated her mother, "God would not like you to thank him for a bad thing like that; God wants to be thanked only for good things."

"Well," said Alice, "if God did not want to be thanked for letting me steal the sugar, what did he put it in my head for?"

One day last summer while on a visit to her grandmother in the country a thunderstorm occurred, and Alice, looking out of the window, noticed the beautiful rainbow that betokened its approaching end.

"Grandma," said Alice, "the rainbow is the bridge, isn't it, which God built for the sick people to walk over to heaven on?"

"Yes, Alice," answered her grandmother.

"Don't you think, grandma," Alice went on, "that it would be better if the end of the rainbow came right into the sick person's room, 'cause then they could walk right out of the window, and wouldn't have to go downstairs and out of doors to get to the end of the rainbow?"

A much interested grandmother again assented, and Alice triumphantly went on: "I thought that all out by myself, and you think it's better than the other way, don't you?"

This time the affirmation was reluctant, as grandma was growing suspicious.

"Then," concluded Alice, with decision, "if that's better than the old way, and I thought it all out myself, I must be wiser than God!"—*New York Tribune.*

AN ARREST IN DUBLIN.

At a Dublin county court recently I was very much interested in the following case:

Judge—"Who is it that brings the allegation against the prisoner at the bar?"

X 99—"Plaze, your worship, Oi'm the allegator."

Judge—"What's the charge?"

X 99—"Well, plaze your worship, Oi was on my bate as usual whin Oi saw a man with a box creating a disturbance in the road. "What ar ye doing there?" says Oi. "Oi'm going to lave that box here," says he. "Shure, ye can't have it there," says Oi. "Well, Oi've left it there," says he. "Come out of that," says Oi. "Oi'm not in it," says he. "It's ag'inst the law," says Oi. "You're a liar," says he, "it's ag'inst the window." With that Oi struck him and missed him. Thin Oi hit him agin in the same place, but he hits me a blow on the nose wid his fist, and says, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."—*Answers.*

ADAM'S TURN COMING.—It was Mark Twain who pointed out the ingratitude of the human race in neglecting to put up a memorial to Adam, to whom (under Providence) the whole race practically owes its existence, while erecting monuments to so many worthies of later date, whose services to posterity are comparatively insignificant. We are getting on in that direction, however. King Alfred is to have a commemoration, and (if take for granted) a statue. Hengist and Horsa will no doubt have their turn next. There is hope for Adam yet. Everything comes to him who can wait.—*London Truth.*

"I wonder why he is marrying such an awfully plain girl?"

"She's got the dough."

"Oh, I see! And he kneads it, eh?"—*New York Journal.*

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Invoking for the homeless heaven's aid.

"O, God," he cried, "if in this bitter night
There be but one who seeks shelt'ring rest—
E'en as Thou givest to the birds a nest—
Lead Thou, O Lord, his falt'ring steps aright!"

Without, a lonely pilgrim, faint and sore,
Drawn thither by the laura's flick'ring light—
A star, amid the tempest-ridden night—
Stood knocking at the hermit's welcome door.

"O man of God, take pity ere I die,
And grant to me the refuge of thy care!"
But to the anchorite, absorbed in prayer,
There came no sound of knock nor pleading cry.

When darkness, with its stormful wrath, had sped,
His duty done, the weary hermit slept,
While he for whom that night he'd prayed and wept,
Lay at the door, unrecognized and dead.

—*Pearson's Weekly.*

THE HEART OF A GIRL.

Was Ethel James a beauty? I could never quite make up my mind. Every man who knew her had begun by asking the question, and some of them had answered it in one way—some in another. She had eyes it was convenient to call gray, though sometimes they looked as if they had caught and held the blue of the summer sky, and sometimes they look dark hazel, and held the brooding melancholy of a moonless night. Her nose was just the least bit tip-tilted. Her color was bright, yet delicate as that of a wild rose. Her hair was insubordinate, and broke into defiant little curls that did not even suggest crimping pins. She was hardly tall enough for the present fashion; but from head to foot a dainty creature—"a sort of Lilith," some one said, but he had asked her a question which she had not answered as he hoped.

Her mother had slept quietly, for many years, in the churchyard of Seaview; and her father was at the head of "Seaview Academy." It was very natural that the numerous students under his care should know his daughter; but that to know her would be to fall in love with her was the very last probability that would have suggested itself to President James. To him she was his little girl; and no whit more dangerous to the hearts of men, or boys, than when she wore pinafores So class after class came, and saw, and were conquered.

Only a few of them were brave enough to give fair Ethel an opportunity to say "no"; but one of these few bold knights had told the others what that ceremony was like:—

"Her eyes get big—don't you know?—and a green comes into them like the green of the sea, and she seems, above all, surprised; and looks at you, by Jove, till you feel how young you are, and wonder that your mother doesn't rock you to sleep."

The young fellows were not mortified or embittered by the refusal to be engaged, or to correspond, or whatever they had asked for; since one is not humbled when one has plenty of fellow sufferers, or embittered when one is keenly conscious of his own unworthiness.

Dr. Gentle looked on.

Dr. Gentle was a very young doctor. His stepfather, Dr. Cane, was the oldest and ablest physician in Seaview. Guy Gentle had been one of President James' best students; but while he was in the academy Ethel had really been a little girl; and it was only since Gentle had finished his medical studies at Harvard and had come back to share his stepfather's practice in Seaview that he had discovered that Ethel James was really the girl of girls, and had bethought himself of contributing, in some way, to find the key to her heart.

It was Ethel's nineteenth summer, and she had just begun to realize that she was, at least, quite grown up. She had dismissed the latest group of unfledged aspirants—vacation had come, and with it the usual summer visitors to Seaview. Among them, this year, was a new-comer—Horton Stanhope, of New York. Stanhope was good looking enough, but not quite handsome. He had a clever tailor, and he had horses to ride; and, in short, he was the typical young and rich New Yorker, and he quite dazzled Seaview, whither he had come because his doctor had said that the air would be good for him, and that he needed a season of rest, after a winter of balls, and meets, and all kinds of excitement.

Of course, he fell in love with Ethel James—that was the natural consequence of coming to Seaview—and he began to show it in all manner of graceful and expensive ways. He understood to perfection the language of flowers, and orchids and hybrid roses are eloquent.

It was just at this ill-chosen time that Dr. Gentle, with a truly masculine gift for meddling, concluded to tell his love. It took the beauty of Seaview by surprise; for she was accustomed to homage, and hitherto Dr. Gentle had shown her none of the small attentions which were her daily food. She could not help realizing that this now aspirant was a handsome and a manly fellow. She had been aware of that, in fact, ever since his return to Seaview. His voice was eloquent, too, and she liked to listen to it. But she had never thought of loving him A girl does not think of loving a man, usually, whatever novel writers may say, until he himself has suggested it.

She listened to him with surprised interest. She liked what he said—and she liked the way in which he said it. But why on earth should she give up all the brilliant possibilities in life, and settle down as the wife of a country doctor? An orchid, gay as a butterfly, was at her throat just then—and orchids did not grow in Seaview.

"I am proud and glad," she said, "that you care for me. No, I don't suppose I ought to be glad; if it will make you unhappy; but I really *don't* love you, and so I can't say yes."

Had the green light, that was like the light of the sea, come into her eyes? Dr. Gentle thought so—but it did not frighten him. He smiled.

"Do not pity me," he said. "I would rather love you in vain than not to love you."

And to himself he added—"I can wait."

"I would rather love you in vain than not to love you"— Ethel James did not at all understand these words; therefore they haunted her memory as does a puzzle we are vainly trying to solve. Dr. Gentle relapsed into silence, and waited. The long, bright days went by, and Stanhope's attentions filled them brim full of pleasures. He was undeniably at Ethel's feet; and I fancy no doubt of the ultimate success of his wooing ever crossed his mind.

He would have been surprised to know that not only did Ethel not care for him deeply, but that she scarcely thought of him as an individual at all. He represented to her an unknown world, an unknown life—the fascinating galety of great New York—balls, operas, the pageantry of movement among the glittering throng. It seemed to her that to share this life was the fate to which she had been born.

She even carried these thoughts to church with her one Sunday. She tried to put them aside, but the sermon did not interest her. She looked around the house. Quite within her range of vision, at the right, sat Dr. Gentle. Equally well in view, at the left, sat Morton Stanhope. For the first time she contrasted them. Suddenly she found herself wishing that Stanhope were as big and strong as Gentle and that he had the same resolute courage in his eyes and about his mouth. But Dr. Gentle did not live in New York.

It was on the very next day that Stanhope proposed to her. His time—if he had only known it—was scarcely better chosen than Dr. Gentle's had been, for the memory of Sunday's contrast still lingered in her mind. Moreover, she was feeling strangely weak and ill—so weak, indeed, that for once the march with the social procession, from gaiety to gaiety, did not even appeal to her imagination.

She looked at Stanhope with a reserve which he thought was the prettiest girlish shyness. She thanked him serenely. If the green light that was like the light of the sea had come into her eyes, Stanhope did not perceive it. She could not answer him at once, she said. She must consider; and then she would let him know. On the whole, Stanhope was quite as well pleased as if she had said yes. He had theories of his own about coy maidenliness, and he had not the remotest doubt as to the conclusion of his love story.

The next day his posies went love-making, as usual; but they went in vain. The illness that had been oppressing Ethel for several listless days had developed rapidly, at last; and Dr. Gentle had been sent for and pronounced it typhoid fever.

News traveled rapidly in Seaview, and that evening, as Dr. Gentle sat alone in his office, Mr. Stanhope was shown in. The two men had met, not infrequently, and Stanhope's attention to Ethel James was the talk of the town. It was natural that he should come to inquire for her, Dr. Gentle thought; but he soon perceived that this inquiry was not the sole object of his visit.

"Are there any other cases of fever in the village?" Stanhope asked, with a little hesitation.

"Yes, several."

"And do you think there is danger of an epidemic?"

"It is possible," Dr. Gentle replied.

"I suppose one who is not altogether strong would be more liable to be attacked?"

The slightest of smiles crept about Dr. Gentle's mouth, as he answered:—

"Perhaps, yes—at any rate, the fever would go harder with one who had little strength to resist it."

"I came here because I was not strong—a physician sent me"—and having said that, Stanhope relapsed into silence. The doctor looked at him, and pitied him—a little—Gentle was kind-hearted. At length Stanhope said, earnestly:—

"I don't suppose I could do the least atom of good to Miss James by staying on here, could I?"

"Not the least, I should think," was the answer; and then again a long silence. At last Stanhope spoke, impulsively, and as one who must free his mind.

"It is a strange thing, perhaps, for me to take you, whom I know so slightly, into my confidence, but I see no other way. I love Ethel James. I have asked her to be my wife. She answered that she would consider, and let me know. I hope that my chances are at least not desperate. But were she to recover only to find that I was dead, or dying, it would—in short—you see that even for her sake I should do better to go away and take care of myself. Here is a card, with my New York address. Will you promise to let me know if there is any serious crisis in her illness; and to let me know, in any case, when you think she is well enough to see me?"

"I will promise," and in another moment Dr. Gentle was closing the street door, and Mr. Morton Stanhope was walking away with a somewhat relieved mind.

At midnight Dr. Gentle was at Ethel James' bedside, for a last look at her, before closing his eyes for a few hours of sleep.

Cruel days came, after that, through which Dr. Gentle tended Ethel James as a skillful and faithful doctor tends his patient, and watched her as a man watches the woman he loves. Her thoughts, meanwhile, went on strange journeys. Often she was driving in sunny parks—or dancing in gay companies. Sometimes she fancied herself sailing over summer seas, toward far-off lands. Once she said—"But Guy Gentle's face was stronger"—and a strange, sweet thrill quivered at Dr. Gentle's heart, in the midst of his torturing dread, for she had never called him Guy before.

At length came the night on which death and life must fight their battle. At a late hour Dr. Gentle sent the tired father and the tired nurse to their beds. "I shall stay all night," he said, "and if there is the least need of you, I will call you. Meantime, rest for to-morrow."

And so he was left alone with the girl for whom he would have laid down his life as willingly as Morton Stanhope would have sent her an orchid. And now her fancy was no longer sailing on summer seas, or dancing to gay waltz music. One single idea seemed wholly to possess her. Over, and over, and over, until the horrible monotony of it seemed to turn her watcher cold, she cried—"I have considered, and it is no"—"I have considered, and it is no"—"I have considered, and it is no."

At last—at the end of an eternity, it seemed to Dr. Gentle—her voice grew fainter and fainter, and then was silent, altogether; and when the morning sun stole in and looked at her, she was sleeping quietly, and life, not death, had triumphed.

Of course, Dr. Gentle, who was always a man of his word, wrote to Morton Stanhope that the worst was over, and doubtless he could see Miss James in a week or two, though there were still several cases of typhoid in Seaview.

Mr. Stanhope did not come immediately; in fact he did not come at all. One day Dr. Gentle was calling upon his patient. A letter she had just sealed lay beside her on the table, and when the doctor rose to go she asked him to post it for her. It was addressed to Morton Stanhope. Apropos of nothing, as it seemed, Dr. Gentle sat down again.

"You were rather strange," he said, "the night on which the crisis of your fever came. You kept saying, over and over, 'I have considered, and it is no—I have considered, and it is no.'"

A look almost of terror came into the girl's face. She put out her hand, and it rested partly on the strong, firm hand of Dr. Gentle, and partly on the letter he still held.

"Why," she said, "those are the very words that are in that letter."—*Louise Chandler, in Penny Magazine.*

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Night Wind.

The wind blows up and the wind blows down
The silent streets of the sleeping town,
The wind blows high and the wind blows low,
It sweeps the stars and it sweeps the snow,
O, wild, free wind, in thy wide free race
Hast found of Peace the abiding place?
The wind said, "Yes, that place I know,
'Tis where the dead lie under the snow."
—*Catherine E. Worcester, in Boston Transcript.*

A WOMAN'S LUCK IN KLONDIKE.

If the majority of women could occupy the proud position of being the idol of a mining camp and also were able to sell all the bread they could make at $1 a loaf it is hardly likely they would abandon such advantages for the doubtful results to be found in prospecting for gold. Yet that is what Mrs. J. T. Wills did, and she made the hit of her life in taking the risk. For she now has a claim in the Klondike regions near Dawson City for which she has refused an offer of $250,000 and her business in the latter place is worth between $6000 and $7000 a year.

Mrs. Wills, who claims the honor of being the pioneer woman gold hunter in the Klondike, is a cosmopolitan, so far as western life is concerned. She has lived in all portions of the West, from New Mexico to Washington, and has followed almost every occupation known to these regions. But the collapse of one of her enterprises at Tacoma necessitated a new move, and she fixed her eyes on Alaska.

She went first, according to a correspondent of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, to St. Michael, and obtained employment as a cook. She earned good wages, and, being an excellent cook, soon became a favorite. She heard so many stories of life on the Yukon that she soon concluded that the simon-pure pioneer life of Alaska was to be found only upon the Yukon. Much to the regret of the boarders, Mrs. Wills resigned her position as head of the culinary department in the boarding-house at St. Michael and took a passage on the river boat to Circle City. She took with her the regulation camp outfit and soon pitched her tent at Circle City. What to do was the next question. After a few days of investigation Mrs. Wills concluded that she would set up in business for herself. The very next morning the Circle City bakery took rank among the flourishing institutions of the then chief city of the land of the midnight sun.

In her camp outfit she had a sheet-iron camp-stove and two baking pans. The two pans were all that the oven would hold, and for that reason her "bakings" were limited to two loaves at a "batch." But a ready market was found for her bread at 50 cents a loaf. The miner's soon learned that Mrs. Wills could double discount them when it came to a matter of baking bread, and before the week was over the demand for Wills's loaves was such that the price went up to 75 cents, and a few days later to $1, and there it stuck for the season.

By working 14 hours a day she could turn out 24 loaves, and in the meantime, while the oven was doing its share of the work, Mrs. Wills filled in the time washing, ironing and mending. Buttons were sewed on at two bits a button, and double that price was charged for patches. The day's baking was always sold out a day or two in advance, and customers had to wait their turn. On more than one occasion men fought for the right to the next loaf, and, to obviate further difficulties, Mrs. Wills each afternoon sold 24 slips of paper numbered from 1 to 24. The first slip sold was No. 1, and so on in rotation, until the last fellow had to take No. 24. Each slip was redeemable next day in bread, and No. 1 called for the first loaf out of the oven, and so on down the line to the end; and when No. 24 was out the bakery closed for the night.

When side issues, such as baking and mending, did not encroach too much on spare time, Mrs. Wills would bake a pan of biscuits and a batch or two of cake. The biscuits went lively, and the cake sold at $1.50 a pound. Six mince pies, made of moose meat, sold at Christmas time for $5 each. But Mrs. Wills was too busy with plain baking to give much attention to the fancy end of the art.

As the miners congregated at Mrs. Wills's bakery for their daily bread, it became the news center of Circle City, and to this is due the fact that she was among the first to hear of the rich strike on the Klondike. Although she was making money at the rate of $25 a day, it only whetted her appetite for gold, and she no sooner heard of the Klondike than she was ready to start. It was in December that word reached Circle City to the effect that Louise Rhodes had taken dirt that ran $65 to the pan out of claim No. 21, above Bonanza, and a few days later she heard of Clarence Berry taking out $100 to the pan.

That settled the question with Mrs. Wills. What was the use of wasting her strength over pans that only yielded $1 loaves of bread when she might be juggling with pans that turned out $100 in bright, glittering gold? She would go to the Klondike, and to the Klondike she went. Some months previous a miner, as a token of his high esteem, had presented Mrs. Wills with a big dog. She had threatened several times to kill or give away the dog, for he ate more than he earned as a guardian of the bakery. But now that she was going to Dawson City, the dog was worth his weight in gold.

It was 300 long, dreary miles over snow and ice, through canyons and forests, up mountains and across glaciers, to Dawson City. Securing a mate for her dog, she closed her bakery, took in the clothes line and started alone for the Klondike. Two days later she was joined by a party of cattlemen, who had heard the wonderful stories of Klondike gold, and they, too, had caught the gold fever. Mrs. Wills would be relieved of the burden of her sled and her dogs cared for if she would act as cook for the party. This was a bargain, and it is said that she stood the hardships of the journey "like a man," and, Dawson City in sight, she proved to be a lively sprinter in the "free-for-all" dash for claims.

She made her location on the Klondike, and filed thereon, and at once set a man at work, while she returned to Dawson City and accepted a position with the Alaska commercial company as head cook at $15 a day. She paid the same amount to the men who worked her claim. Thus she was able to work the claim and yet employ herself in the more congenial occupation. Later she secured a stove, this time one with an oven that held four bakepans, and again went into the bakery business, and inside of two weeks had customers enough at $1 a loaf to keep the oven going 12 hours a day.

As soon as all the good claims were taken up near Dawson City, then the claim jumpers began to get in their work. Several attempts were made to get possession of Mrs. Wills's claim, which promised to pan out exceedingly rich, but she fought the case, and held down her claim against all comers. Finding that she could not be scared off it, offers to purchase were tendered, but Mrs. Wills was mining for what there was in it, and the sum of $250,000 did not swerve her from her purpose. She expects that her claim will pan out twice that amount. Meanwhile she is making a net profit of more than $50 a day in her bakery.—*New York Press.*

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29, 1898.

THE people of this country are manifesting their patriotism by the display of flags to such an extent that there is an increased demand for buntiug, and it has risen in price one-fourth of its former value.

DEATH claimed its first victim of the war Monday, Quartermaster Johnson of the Helena, who accidentally shot himself while on board of the Spanish ship Miguel Jover, a prize of the gunboat, dying on that day.

CORPORATIONS and employers throughout the country are showing their patriotism in a very commendable way, in their offers to continue the salaries of their employes who enlist, and on their return to give them back their positions.

THE act of Miss Helen Gould in offering $100,000 to this government for war purposes evidences great patrotism, and the government will of course accept it with thanks. Her example will probably be followed by others.

JUDGE DAY has been appointed secretary of state to succeed John Sherman. In his career as assistant secretary Judge Day demonstrated his ability, having done nearly all of the work devolving upon the secretary. May wisdom guide his ways.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt is to resign his position soon, having accepted a position as Lieutenant Colonel in a cowboy regiment. "Teddy" is a horn fighter, and in a regiment of this kind can do good service in the field.

GEORGE CLARK MUSGRAVE, correspondent for the New York *Journal*, has been captured by the Spanish. Now is a good opportunity for Editor Hearst of that paper, who has been very anxious for war, to head a regiment and rescue his luckless correspondent.

IT WAS another case of David conquering a Goliath when the little lighthouse tender Mangrove, the "baby" of the navy, captured the Panama, a big translantic liner and Spanish auxiliary cruiser Tuesday. The Panama had a crew of 72 and was armed with two 12-pounders, while the Mangrove had a crew of ahont 15 and was not any heavier armed.

JOHN Y. MCKANE, who got into trouble a few years ago because of illegal conduct at the polls, will be released from Sing Sing tomorrow. It is unfortunate that the "boss" emerges during the exciting times, as nobody will notice him. If he wishes to bring himself again before the public mind he might offer to raise a regiment from his ballot box stuffers and lead them against the enemy.

THE weather clerk evidently has spent so much time in reading the newspapers and their extras, and is thinking so much concerning the war, that he has forgotten "where he is at." The calendar says that it is abont the first of May, hnt otherwise we shonld never know it. The past week has been cold and rainy, and yesterday a sleet storm fell which would have been more appropriate last February or March.

IT IS expected that one of the first, if not the first, naval battle of the war will be fought near Manila, in the Philippines. The American squadron under Commodore Dewey has sailed for that port, and should arrive to-morrow. Our fleet is the stronger, and the expectations are that we will be victorious. May our expectations he realized, for the victory would count a great deal in our favor, giving us a base of supplies in that section, which we now lack and are greatly in need of.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY sent a message to Congress Monday stating that the act of Spain is severing diplomatic relations hetween that country and onrs is a hostile one, and asked Congress to adopt a resolution declaring a state of war existing between the United States of America and the government of Spain. It was received in the House soon after its convention and was passed in the quick time of one minute and forty-one seconds. It was later passed by the Senate and afterwards signed by the president.

GOVERNOR WOLCOTT caused some surprise and comment when he stated that the militia of this state would be kept within our borders for the defense of the coast, and that newly enlisted volunteers would be sent to the front. In many quarters the wisdom of such a course was severely criticised, as it would deprive the country of the services of our drilled and disciplined men. The whole matter has now been satisfactorily settled by giving the members of the militia an opportunity to enlist in four infantry regiments as United States volunteers, and be sent to the front.

THE submarine boat Holland has not yet been bought by the government, although in view of its recent trials it would seem to be an unqualified success. It dives at will, becoming wholly submerged, and then moves in any direction under water, being under perfect control of its captain and crew, and comes to the surface again when it is desired to do so. Although a small craft it would seem to be a most valuable adjunct to harbor defense, and the government will make a mistake if he allows any other nation to acquire the vessel. It is an experiment, of course, but so was the monitor; the latter proved successful however and revolutionized the style of war ships, and the little Holland bids fair to do the same.

JOHN SHERMAN has resigned his portfolio as secretary of state in President McKinley's cabinet. This venerable statesman is nearly 75 years old, and his health is not such as will allow to him to further continue the arduous duties incumbent upon the office. Of late many unkind things have been said about Mr. Sherman, and every good citizen regrets this fact. For forty years he has been in public service as a member of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate, secretary of the treasury, and secretary of state. In all these positions he has been a faithful, conscientious and able official, and has rendered much valuable service to the country. May his remaining years be spent in peace and rest, well and truly earned.

OUR blockading fleet off the shores of Cuba has captured within the past week about a dozen prizes, all of them quite valuable. In the capture of these vessels the United States boats have shown themselves speedy, and when the shots were fired across the bows of the fleeing merchantmen they went uncomfortably near. In the capture of the Guido by the monitor Terror several shots from the war vessel took effect, carrying away the pilot house and wounding a sailor, all of which shows that our gunners are good marksmen and can shoot pretty near where they wish. This was again shown on Wednesday, when the flagship New York, accompanied by the Puritan and Cincinnati, engaged the shore batteries at the entrance to the harbor of Matanzas. After a few moments of firing the batteries on the shore were silenced, and our ships retired, not having been struck once. The gunnery on board of the ships is described as being excellent, shell after shell bursting within the fortifications and doing much damage. Though the short battle was decidedly one-sided, it has served to give the people renewed confidence in the navy and our ability to hit the mark aimed at.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, APRIL 28, 1898.

One of the first features of the war, as seen in Massachusetts, is the desire of the military men to raise regiments and to be given commissions. It looked for the first few days as if it would be the old story of Artemas Ward's company of brigadiers over again. They were not volunteering to be privates, with one exception. Now it is evident that the people would have a much stronger respect for a man qualified to be an officer if he should enlist as a private and trust to his ability to raise him from the ranks. Gov. Wolcott says in an interview that he has no doubt that hundreds of lives were lost in our civil war by the improper officering of the troops. Men who were "good fellows" and popular were commissioned as officers when they were not fit for the serious responsibility. Consequently the helpless soldiers under their ignorant orders were shot down needlessly. One such experience is enough, and Gov. Wolcott is amply justified in his determination to have the soldiers properly officered, so far as the duty rests upon him.

A member of the House who is on the committee on parishes and religious societies has introduced a bill to pay from the state treasury a bonuty of $100 to every person from this state who enlists in the United States army or navy for service in the Cuban war. It is further proposed that any man who is injured by the service shall be entitled to state and military aid, the same as if he had served in the war of the rebellion, and that families of men who are killed in the war shall be entitled to the same consideration. Such a bill is likely to make considerable discussion before it becomes law.

The Senate is favorably disposed to the bill to create a state board of insanity, and it will doubtless become law.

The executive department has become the center of interest at the state house. Gov. Wolcott has fixed upon the hours of 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. for receiving the reporters and giving out whatever there is to date. He had been interrupted so frequently by requests for information, and business of the public was so pressing, that he found that some system was necessary. If anything of great importance occurs which cannot wait for the routine hour, doubtless it will be given out, but his time is too valnable to waste upon the small daily matters. There has been considerable criticism of the governor's statement regarding the sending of troops to Washington to the front, while leaving Massachusetts uncared for. The expression which struck the reader unfavorably was that one saying that the defense of the coast "should not he made secondary to any service elsewhere," hnt the reading in full of the governor's statement shows that he is fully in line with all our warlike men, if not a step in advance of them, for the honor and service of Massachusetts in the defense of the nation.

It brought back the days of the civil war to see troops pass in front of the state house in review preparatory to entering the service for actnal war duty. The nominal calling out of the first regiment of heavy artillery was for an eight days' tour of duty in Fort Warren in Boston harbor, but it was felt that they might not be released from that service for a long time, and who could tell what might happen before the eight days expired? Popular interest and enthusiasm were extreme. Streets and windows were crowded along the soldiers' line of march. It was 11 30 Tnesday forenoon when they passed in front of the state honse, and Gov. Wolcott, with his staff in military cloaks, went out in the rain to the Beacon street steps to review the soldiers as they passed hefore them. The troops marched in excellent order, as a rnle, but it was to be noticed that some of the ranks did not keep step and that the second of the two close ranks had a less perfect alignment than the first. They were fully accontred; their tin cups hung at their sides and they bore themselves finely. Cheers rose again and again from the spectators, and the hearts of the people were strongly with the men.

Adjutant General Dalton is one of the busy men at the state house and his office is a scene of action. Military men are there making plans. Soldiers' equipments are about the room, evidently the subject of inspection as samples, orders have been issned that no one is to be admitted to the general's private office without special permission, and other indications are of genuine business on hand, in distinction from the fair day soldiering which we have had in recent years. The Legislature is in line with the executive department. Bills are pending to facilitate the enlistment of soldiers from the civil service by keeping their places open for them for re-admission without civil service examinations for six months after the close of the war, and for the general encouragement of enlistments by giving to soldiers in the Spanish war all the reliefs and privileges which have been accorded to soldiers of previous wars. A bill for $100 bounty has been offered, but it is criticised as premature.

The committee on taxation has reported adversely on all of the petitions and bills for a reform of the taxation system, including the report of the special commission which made such an exhaustive inquiry into the subject. The committee could not approve the plan of the commission as a whole, and said that they had no time to make a new plan of their own. There is some objection to this report as a fiasco. All the taxation matters will come up Tuesday.

The militia are much excited over the proposal to practically break up their organizations as the outcome of the enlistment in the government service. They wish to keep their regiments and companies intact, as far as possible. It has been proposed that the place of the regiments which are sent to the national service be filled by other regiments of the same number, recruited under new officers, nominally for the purpose of keeping the Massachusetts militia on its present basis. When the original regiments return from the war, they would find their places filled and themselves thrown out. The matter is in confnsion, and the men are fearing that their home associations and military identity will he destroyed.

Owing to the fears of bombardment from Spanish war vessels the insurance people in Boston have consulted with Commissioner Cutting of the insurance department, and the result has been the hasty passage of a bill which was enacted and signed by Gov. Wolcott on Wednesday to permit fire insurance companies to issue separate policies for bombardment insurance.

There has been presented a bill making full provision for the furnishing of state aid by cities and towns to men from them who enlist for the war. The original money will be advanced by the municipality, hnt the state will reinburse at the rate of $1 per week for each dependent relative, provided that not over $12 per month in all shall be paid to any one family, and that nothing shall he paid to families of commissioned officers. The popularity of the soldiers of the Spanish war promises to equal, practically, that of the civil war veterans, though we have always supposed that the latter could never be equalled.

An order of Senator Leach has been adopted in both branches to give his labor committee to May 4th, in which to report.

By a large majority the House has to-day reaffirmed its vote of yesterday by which it refused to allow any money for the cattle commission for the eradication of tuberculosis. The bill from the committee on agriculture appropriated $65,000, and the critics moved to cut it down to $30,000. The debate was pretty hot, and facts were brought out to show that the farmers had been badly treated by some agents of the board. When it came to a vote, the House refused to give the $65,000 and then refused to give even the $30,000. This left the bill worthless and it was defeated. In the effort to-day to reconsider, it was charged that fraud had been practiced on the farmers by the agents of the commission. It was very clear that the farmers in some parts of the state were very bitter against the commission. As the law stands, it requires expenses to be incurred for quarantning cattle and provides no means of payment. The House would he glad to repeal the tuberculosis law altogether.

Mr. Kenefick of Palmer made a fine speech in the House this afternoon on the West Boston bridge bill. LANDON.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Wanted, every person to see the New Home Crawford Range at Hitchcock & Blanchard's.

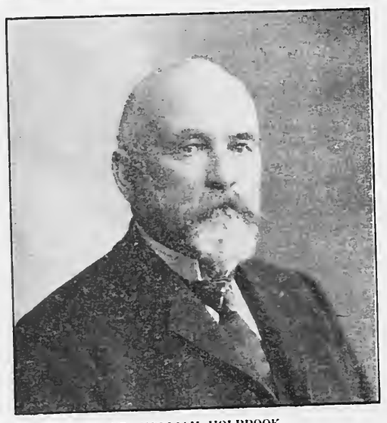
May Supper, Congregational Church, Thorndike, Monday. Tickets 15 and 25 cents. Fancy articles and home-made candy.

PALMER NEWS.

50 YEARS OF ACTIVE PRACTICE.

Dr. William Holbrook Will Celebrate His Professional Golden Wedding Sunday.

Next Sunday will mark the passing of half a century since Dr. William Holbrook commenced the practice of medicine and surgery in the town of Palmer. It is a long record and one attained by very few; and fewer still are the instances when the entire time has been passed in one location. Dr. Holbrook has had a large practice during these many years in this and the surrounding towns, and has become well known, not only throughout this section, but in other parts of the state as well. With his large practice and busy life he has found time for public matters, and has served the town in



DR. WILLIAM HOLBROOK.

Whose 50th Anniversary as a Practicing Physician and Surgeon Occurs Sunday.

numerous official capacities. He has been one of the town's prominent citizens, and his many friends congratulate him on his long and successful career, with the hope that the future will add still further years thereto.

In 1848 the Doctor was graduated from the medical college in New York with a class of 125. On the first day of May of that year he located in Bonds Village, remaining there until July of the following year, when he came to the Depot village and bought of Dr. White the only drug store then in town, connecting it with his practice. A few months later he was appointed postmaster and held the office four years. The drug store and post office were then in one of the stores in the Nassowanno block. After a short time they were removed to the Commercial block, where the post office remained until a change of administration, when a new postmaster was appointed and the office was removed across the street to the Converse block—the drug store remaining in the Commercial block until the building was destroyed by fire. Notwithstanding that the Doctor had the post office and drug store on his hands, he continued in the full practice of his profession. When the war broke out he felt that it was his duty to go. His grandfather was a lieutenant in the Revolution, and his father was senior major general of the Massachusetts state militia at one time. Leaving a very large and profitable practice, in June of 1861 he accepted a commission as assistant surgeon of the 10th Mass. Vols. Six months later he was appointed surgeon of the 18th Mass. regiment, and after a like period of time was made Surgeon in Chief of the first brigade of the first division of the fifth corps of the Army of the Potomac. He remained in the army until Petersburg was invested, being in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac of any importance after the first battle of Bull Run, save one, when sick at home. He was mustered out of service in September, 1864.

Soon after coming home from the war he was appointed on the school committee to fill a vacancy, and was elected year after year for several years. Later he received the appointment of physician and surgeon of the state primary school, and held it for ten years. For over 25 years the Doctor was one of the pension examiners of Hampden county. He is now state medical examiner for this district, and has been for about 20 years. In 1882 he represented the town in the Legislature. He has been medical examiner for a large number of insurance companies, and for years has attended the victims of accidents on the Boston and Albany railroad, now being the oldest practising physician on the line of that railroad. None of the physicians who were in practice in the surrounding towns at the time of Dr. Holbrook's commencement are now living, and nearly all of the men who were in business when he first came to Palmer have passed away, among those remaining being James S. Loomis, Ebenezer Brown, Seth W. Smith, Enos Calkins, William Mixon and John M. Converse of the depot village, George Mooers of Thorndike, and E. B. Gates and Austin Smith, near Forest Lake.

Dr. Holbrook was born and brought up on a farm of 500 acres, and worked there until his twenty-first birthday. The day after he reached his majority he started ont to paddle his own canoe, working his way through school. When he was graduated from the medical college he owed $100, money borrowed to secure his diploma and surgical instruments, and which he soon paid. He has never since received one dollar's help from any one, being what one may truly call a self-made man. He was married in 1850 to Clara Belknap, who died about a year ago. He has three children, Dr. W. E Holbrook, a successful physician of Lynn, Clara B., the wife of A. D. Ellis of Monson, and Idella B., who resides with her father.

A Former Resident Found Dead.

The body of Arthur D. Kellogg, 21, son of William H. Kellogg of North Wilbraham, was found between the tracks of the Boston and Albany railroad Tuesday morning by the engineer of a passing train. His skull was fractured and both legs mangled. His body was taken to the freight depot at that station by the trainmen and the medical examiner from Springfield called. Later it was removed to the home of his father. Kellogg's parents formerly resided in Palmer and he lived with them, attending the public schools here. Until within a few days he had been employed as a lineman on the electric road. Upon finishing work here he went to Northboro to seek employment, hnt was apparently unsuccessful, as he was seen in the station at Worcester Monday evening at 7 o'clock, and his valise was shipped from that city to North Wilbraham Tuesday morning. It is supposed that Kellogg jumped some time during the night from a train passing near his home, and striking on his head was thrown under the wheels and instantly killed.

Thorndike Man's Death in Belchertown.

Dennis Fogarty, 73, a well-known Thorndike man, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sullivan, in South Belchertown, on Wednesday of last week. The deceased was ill only a few days, being taken with pneumonia, which, with his age, made his illness of short duration. The people of Thorndike were greatly surprised to learn of his sudden death. He had been in the employ of Rev. F. J. Lynch for over 12 years, and worked up to a few days of his death. The funeral was held Friday and was largely attended. The deceased was a native of Ireland, being horn in County Kerry. A son and several sisters survive him.

Provisions Rise in Price.

War has begun to raise the price of provisions. Sugar, grain, meat and flour have taken a jump, the latter being the most marked. The price of flour has been raised about $1 a barrel, and the local dealers have been very busy this week supplying their customers, many of whom have laid in a supply of several barrels. Beef and pork have gone up from two to three cents a pound.

PALMERS GET THE FIRST GAME

In the Interscholastic Baseball Series With Ware and Brimfield.

The first ball game in the Brimfield-Palmer-Ware Interscholastic Athletic Association series was played in Brimfield Saturday afternoon between the Palmer high school and the Hitchcock Free Academy teams. The Palmer team won easily, rolling up a very large score. Brimfield was handicapped by the absence of one of her best players, and this was also her first game. The team has good material and with practice it can be developed into a strong one. The local high school team showed themselves to be a strong aggregation of ball tossers. They batted with great strength, and their terrific hitting was the feature of the game. They fielded well, their errors being made on wild throws. Kennedy was somewhat wild, giving 8 men their bases on balls, but held the opposing team down to three hits and struck out 11 men. Shaw supported him well behind the bat. For Brimfield, the two Converses, Hicks and Guest played the best game.

Palmer took the first whack at the new ball and Riley singled. Shaw bit to Maloney, who fumbled. J. Riley followed with a two-bagger, scoring Riley and Shaw. A combination of errors, base on balls, singles, and two-baggers followed in close succession, and the runners sped around the bases so rapidly that it was almost impossible to count the scores. At last it ended, and Palmer had made 15 runs. For Brimfield, Daniels was given his base on balls, which with a hit by F. Converse and three more gifts and an error by Kennedy gave Brimfield 4 runs. Palmer scored an average of four runs during the next 4 innings on good hitting, and Brimfield made one in the 4th. In the 6th Palmer opened up their batteries again and shot out 11 runs. Brimfield failed to score and the game was called at the end of this inning. The score:

P. H. S.	r	b	po	a	e
Riley, m,	6	4	0	0	0
Shaw, c,	6	3	11	1	0
J. Riley, 3,	5	4	0	0	1
Kay, 2,	6	3	2	1	1
Kennedy, p,	5	3	0	2	2
Barrett, s,	3	2	0	2	0
Dillon, 1,	3	1	5	0	0
Hurley, r,	5	2	0	1	0
McKenzie, l,	4	2	0	0	0
Total,	42	24	18	7	4

H. F. A.	r	b	po	a	e
Daniels, m,	1	0	1	0	1
Deziel, 3,	0	1	2	0	1
Maloney, s,	1	0	0	0	4
Hicks, r,	0	0	1	0	0
F. C. Verse, c,	1	1	3	0	2
Kay, l,	1	0	1	0	0
A. C'verse, l,	0	0	7	0	0
Pierce, p,	1	1	2	5	1
Guest, 2,	0	0	1	4	1
Total,	5	3	18	9	12

P. H. S.	15	4	4	3	5	11	—	42
H. F. A.	4	0	0	1	0	0	—	5

Runs at bat, P. H. S, 67, H. F. A., 31. Stolen bases, Riley 2, Shaw, Hurley, Kennedy, F. Converse. Sacrifice hit, Barrett. Two-base hits, J. Riley, Shaw 2, Kennedy 2, McKenzie, W. Riley, Kay, Deziel. Three-base hit, Kennedy. First base on balls, Kennedy 2, Hurley 3, Barrett, Daniels, Maloney 2, Kay 2, A. Converse 2, Shaw, Hicks, McKenzie 3, Dillon 2. Left on bases, P. H. S., 5, H. F. A., 3. Hit by pitched ball, Fay 3, Kennedy, Dillon, Riley. Struck out, by Kennedy 11, by Pierce 2. Passed ball, F. Couverse 2, Shaw 1. Umpire, Brown.

"THE CAT CAME BACK."

Though It Had to Travel Many Miles to Accomplish the Feat.

The feline has many characteristics peculiar to its kind. It is commouly said that a cat possesses nine lives, and though this is hardly true, they are at times exceedingly hard to kill. It delights in singing, and usually chooses to render the concert programme during the night in some back yard, to the great discomfort of the nearby sleeping persons. Scrapping, too, is an art in which they are quite proficient. But perhaps the greatest peculiarity of the cat is its feat of returning to its former home, though carried miles away, and it is because of this fact that the expression "the cat came back" came into use. Palmer has a cat which "came back," and thereby hangs quite an interesting tale. Last winter, it will be remembered, John Helliwell, the engineer, moved his family to North Brookfield. The family possessed a fine cat, of which they were very fond, so they took it with them to their new home. For a while it stayed in North Brookfield with them, seemingly happy and contented, hut after a while it was found to be among the missing and has never since been seen in North Brookfield. Some time ago a cat came to the house in Palmer formerly occupied by Mr. Helliwell, and seemed desirous of making itself at home, but was not taken in. It then left and went to another house, where it now resides. A short time ago a person who knew the cat when it belonged to the Helliwells happened to see it. He called it by its name, to which it quickly answered, and he recognized it as the one which had left their home in North Brookfield. The cat had made the journey from North Brookfield to Palmer, and found her former home, all of which shows how bright Palmer cats are.

New Trains on the B. and A.

Two important additions to Palmer's train service will he made when the summer time schedule goes into effect on the Boston and Albany road, about the middle of May. The Sunday evening milk train on the Ware River road will he made a passenger train, leaving Barre Plains ahont 5 o'clock and arriving at Palmer in time to connect with the 6 06 train for Springfield and New York; returning it will leave Palmer after the arrival of the 6 49 from Springfield. For a long time there has been a demand for a Sunday morning connection with Springfield, and a train will be put on at the above time, arriving in Palmer about 9 30 and returning to Springfield about 10.

Bicycle Rider Breaks an Arm.

Harold Smith, employed as a tinsmith by A. M. Bond of Thorndike, met with a bad accident while riding his wheel Monday evening, resulting in a broken arm. When in the vicinity of the Foster place on the Thorndike road he met Stephen Clark of that village, who was also riding a wheel, and somehow, in trying to avoid a collision with the latter he ran into some electric road sleepers which were on the side of the road, and was thrown. He was taken to Thorndike by Supt. Shepard of the electric road, and Dr. Lafontaine attended him.

Bondsville's New Pastor.

Rev. H. G. Alley, the new pastor of the Bondsville Methodist church, is a native of Lyun. He has been assigned to this district nine years and has served the following charges: Hampden and Glendale, three years; Belchertown, two years; Shelburne Falls, four years. Mr. Alley does not come to Bondsville a stranger, having preached there several times during the pastorates of Revs. J. A. Day and F. J. Hale.

WALES SNOWBALLING CASES.

Defendants Furnish Amusement for the Court by Their Repartees.

A chapter of Wales life was unfolded in the district court Saturday, when the famous snowballing cases were given a hearing. A whole army of her young boys were present and they showed themselves to be exceptionally bright. They all sat together, and the attorneys experienced no little difficulty in keeping track of the boys by their names until one of the little fellows on the stand designated one as "the feller with the long-legged breeches," and another as the "red-headed feller," after which the task was more easy. The little fellows made very good witnesses and all told the same story. From their testimony one very important fact was learned about Wales, and that is that the children of that town do not cry, but "bawl." One little boy swore that one of the Gale children, who were assaulted, did not cry, but that he did "bawl" hard. Clara, Harlan and Esther Gale, the children who were assaulted, testified that while going to school at noon, Milo Heck, Everett Ryder and Walter Baker threw snowballs at them from behind a wall and struck them many times. Esther, tho little girl, was struck in the eye and otherwise injured, so that a doctor was called. The boys admitted throwing the snowballs, but said they threw them at the boy, Harlan, and did not hit the girls. Another case growing out of this one was tried, the parents of the Gale children being charged with assault upon the boys. It appeared from the evidence that Mr. Gale had chastized one of the boys, hut not the one named in the complaint. The boys were found guilty in the former case, and both cases were placed on file for six months.

The selectmen have appointed J. F. Foley a registrar of voters.

An epidemic of pinkeye has been quite prevalent about town.

The residence of Joseph Allen on Pleasant street is being painted.

Mrs. C. A. Puffer of Springfield is a guest at the home of G. A. Bills.

To-morrow has been appointed as Arbor Day by Governor Wolcott.

Communion will he observed at the churches next Sunday morning.

C. S. Wood sang at a gathering of the Odd Fellows in Monson last evening.

W. J. Keith sold a valuable bird dog to a party from New York Wednesday.

H. F. Warren and son of Milford, N. H., have been visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Frank Tracy of Worcester is visiting her mother, Mrs. William Rhodes.

Mrs. C. E Fish has returned from her trip to Washington and Old Point Comfort.

A pitch roof is being built upon the residence of Cornelius Leary on Park street.

Mrs. S. C. Hunt was called to Granby Wednesday by the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Frank Leland of Worcester was the guest of her father, E. S. Brooks, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Helliwell of North Brookfield visited Palmer friends Tuesday.

Nearly seventy persons are to unito with the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

Rev. O. G. Petrie is to address a young people's rally at Fitchburg next Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. S. Whitman, who has been visiting at the home of C. K. Gamwell, has returned to New Bedford.

Miss Myrtie McQuaid of Chatham, N. Y., is visiting at the home of C. E. Fuller on South Main street.

A regular communication of Thomas lodge, F. and A. M., will be held in Masonic Hall next Monday evening.

The Woman's Relief Corps will hold a regular meeting in Memorial Hall next Friday afternoon at 2 30.

A regular meeting of C. W. Cross camp' Sons of Veterans, will be held in Memorial Hall next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. D. W. Northrop and children of Boston were guests at the home of A. J Northrop on Park street Sunday.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning there will be preaching by Rev. C. R. Minard. Subject, "Our covenant."

Michael McKelligott of Thorndike was before the court this morning for drunkenness, and was probated till next Thursday.

Franziska Nieske and her brother of Silver Street have gone to their old home in Germany for a visit of a couple of months.

The trustees of the town library met Tuesday and organized with W. A. Breckenridge as chairman and W. E. McDonald cerk.

Miss Zadie Morrison, teacher of drawing in the public schools, was called to her home in Skowhegan, Me., Saturday, by the illness of her mother.

The regular monthly meeting of the Palmer fire department will he held in the engine house next Monday evening, when the company will organize.

Miss Tillie Lacouline left the first of the week for a vacation of a number of weeks. Miss Blanche Ramsden is operator in Agent Fish's office during her absence.

The stars and stripes have been flung to the breeze from the veranda of the Converse House, and several other places of business and residences are flying the national colors.

Andrew P. Borgeson, 20, died at his home in the wire mill district Tuesday of pneumouia, after an illness of three weeks. The body was taken to Worcester yesterday for burial.

The assessors will he in session at the town house next Monday to receive schedules and estimates of the real and personal estates of persons liable to pay taxes in Palmer.

The tenth annual musical festival of the Hampden County Musical Association will be held in the City Hall, Springfield, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

Harry E. Siske of Tufts Medical College, Boston, has been awarded a diploma by the Massachusetts Emergency Association, which was secured by a competitive examination.

John Thompson of Hartford has taken a position as clerk in the grocery and crockery store of E. B. Taylor. Mr. Thompson will move to the tenement of J. H. Tuthill on Pleasant street.

Adolphus Rivers fell from a bicycle on Church street Saturday and sustained a dislocation of the elbow and a fracture of the bone of the right arm. He was attended by Dr. L. H. Hendee.

An art exhibition, loaned by the *Youth's Companion*, in the reference room of the library building is attracting much attention. The exhibition consists of paintings, crayons, sketches, etc.

Letters addressed to the following are advertised at the post office: W. L. Brown, agent for Royal Scroll, Miss Lizzie R. Colpit, Philbut Cloutler, Mrs. William Douglas, William Dupree, A. Forsberg.

The topic for Sunday morning's preaching service in the Universalist church will be "The vine and the branches." In the evening at 7 o'clock will be the meeting of the Y. P. C. U. Subject, "The need of worship."

The selectmen will give a hearing at their room in the library building next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock on the petition of the Standard Oil Company to erect a tank on the land of Charles Burns, on Water street, for the storage of refined petroleum.

Save Electric Lustre Starch trade marks. Send three to the Electric Lustre Starch Co., 45 Commercial street, Boston, Mass., and receive a set of pretty paper dolls, free. C. HITCHCOCK & CO.

The members of the Woman's Tuesday Club, appreciating the benefits of the public library, at their last meeting of the season on Tuesday, voted $20 from the treasury to the Young Men's Library Association, to help pay the running expenses.

The Palmer high school and Ware high school base ball teams will play the second game in the interscholastic series on the church grounds in Thorndike to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Kennedy and Shaw will be the battery for the Palmer high school team.

Good Cheer Rebekah lodge held a bazar in the opera house Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Pretty booths were arranged about the house, from which fancy articles, etc., were sold. Ice cream, cake and candy were served, and an entertainment of musical and literary numbers rendered.

The electric lights went out during the hour of church services last Sunday evening and remained off for several minutes. This is the first time since the Central Massachusetts Electric Company commenced operations in Palmer that the lights have failed for any length of time during services in the churches.

Oscar Spniers of Monson lost a watch near the Cooley crossing Monday morning. He was engaged in drawing ties to the railroad and had removed his coat, which contained the watch, and left it upon a pile of sleepers. Upon taking up the coat again he found the watch missing It is thought that the theft was committed by a tramp.

The last lecture in the course under the auspices of the Woman's Tuesday Club was given by Miss Brigham at the home of Mrs. E. G. Hastings Saturday afternoon. Miss Brigham was greeted with a large audience as is always the case when she appears before Palmer people, and all were delighted with the speaker's handling of her subject

Several changes in the management of the Boston and Albany road will go into effect May 1st. Henry B. Chapin is appointed general traffic manager, vice Arthur Hills, resigned; Hamilton Perkins will be general freight agent in place of Mr Chapin, promoted, and Henry C Blood is appointed assistant general freight agent, in place of Mr. Hamilton, promoted.

William H. Allen, the well-known trapper of this section, has caught the past winter and spring the following animals: Three otter, 5 foxes, 33 mink, 166 skunks and 417 muskrats. Mr. Allen had his best success during March. During the second week of that month he captured one otter, 2 mink, 35 skunks and 180 muskrats. The largest otter caught by Mr. Allen measured 5 feet 1 inch, and weighed 23 pounds.

The monthly meeting of the Men's Sunday Evening Club of the Congregational church was held in the church parlors last Sunday evening. Dr. G. H. Wilkins, J. B. Shaw and L. H. Gager were appointed a committee to have charge of out-door work which is to be done the coming months. It was also voted, until the summer vacation, to hold the monthly meetings upon the last Sunday evenings of the month, directly after the evening service.

The annual May breakfast and dinner will be served by the ladies of the Congregational church in the church social rooms tomorrow. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 8 30 a. m., and dinner from 12 to 2 p. m. The usual excellent menu will be served, consisting of cold meats, hot rolls, shad, and all delicacies of the season. The Lend-a-hand Club will also have a sale of fancy articles in connection with the event.

Even the little ones appreciate somewhat the conditions which war brings. One little girl, when told the other day that the president had called for troops, asked if her papa would have to go. Her mother said she hoped not, that probably he would not have to go. But the little one replied: "Well, supposin' he *did* have to go, what *would* he do if he had one of those *awful* toothaches he's been having?"

The Woman's Tuesday Club held its last meeting of the season with Mrs. H. W. McGregory Tuesday afternoon, and adjourned until the first Tuesday in October. Mrs. McGregory served a dainty lunch, and the session was very enjoyable. Mrs. G. E. Buck was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Miss Brigham, and these officers were chosen for the coming year: President, Mrs. W. E. Stone; vice president, Mrs. H. W. McGregory; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Wing; librarian, Mrs. C. K. Gamwell.

REV. H. G ALLEY.

New Pastor of the Methodist Church, Bondsville.

Miss Lillian Kempton, 19, died of Bright's disease at her home on Central street Sunday evening after a long illness. Miss Kempton was a well known young lady, and many friends regret her death. She leaves a mother, Mrs. Frederick Thompson, two brothers, Charles and Ezra, and a half-sister, Grace Thompson. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from her late home, Rev. C. R. Minard of the Baptist church officiating, and burial was in the Thorndike street cemetery. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

Palmer has developed a new championship, that of egg eating, and claims the record up to date. A local business man made a bet last week that he could eat a dozen boiled eggs at one sitting, and one evening this week the interested persons gathered to witness the trial. The business man won without a blush, and was on hand unusually early at his place of business the next morning, feeling as "fine as a fiddle," and has since been wondering what kind of a record he could make if he tried hard, and if the effort would produce a corner in the egg market.

It has been reported that Selectman Dillon was raising a company of volunteers and was to lead them to the front. Because of the rumor Mr. Dillon has been approached by many who wished to enlist, four coming from Thorndike several days ago, who were quite disappointed when informed that the selectman was not raising a company. Mr. Dillon recently received a communication, as chairman of the selectmen, from the military committee of the National Reserve, asking that he assist them in the enrollment of members in this town, and this is probably how the rumor started.

John Morgan of Three Rivers was arrested in Bondsville by Officer Collins Saturday evening for drunkenness, and was brought before the court Monday morning and fined $5. Tuesday morning Frank Stebbins, alias James Wilson, refused to break stone and was arrested for vagrancy by Officer Eastman. He has done time before at Bridgewater for a like offense, and asked the court that he be sent to that institution again. Probation Officer Merriam thought Cuba would be the best place to send him, but Judge Shaw doubted his authority to send him there, so ordered that he be committed to the house of correction in Springfield for six months.

Representatives from the schools comprising the Brimfield-Palmer-Ware Interscholastic Athletic Association met in the high school building Wednesday afternoon and arranged the following schedule for the baseball games of the association: Ware vs. Palmer, at Thorndike, April 30; Ware vs. Brimfield, at Ware, May 6; Palmer vs. Brimfield at Palmer, May 13; Ware vs. Palmer, at Ware, May 20; Brimfield vs. Ware, at Brimfield, May 28; Palmer vs. Ware at Palmer, June 4; Brimfield vs. Palmer, at Brimfield, June 10; Ware vs. Brimfield, at Ware, June 18. F. A. Converse of the Hitchcock Free Academy, Brimfield, resigned as secretary of the association, and George Daniels of the same school was elected to the position.

BONDSVILLE.

May Supper, Congregational Church, Thorndike, Monday. Tickets 15 and 25 cents. Fancy articles and home-made candy.

P. J. Keyes has been spending a few days this week in Boston

Mrs. W. C. Aldrich and daughter Vertine of Amherst were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Knowlton over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rasband of Brightwood are spending a few days with Mr. Rasband's parents, Mr and Mrs. Richard Rasband.

Rev. H. G. Alley, the new pastor, with his family, have arrived Sunday with their belongings and are installed in the parsonage.

It is expected that the part of Salvation Army people who have been in Palmer and Monson lately, will come to Bondsville and hold a series of meetings

The selectmen of Belchertown have granted a license to sell liquor to M. F. Sullivan & Co. The saloon will be in M F Sullivan's building, near the Union Hotel

Elizabeth Murray and Fred Morrissette were married by Rev. Joseph Marchand at Three Rivers Tuesday morning, and are staying at the groom's home on Crawford street.

H. T. Bishop of Thorndike and George F. Taylor of Springfield have been taking inventory of the stock of the insolvent firm of Moriarty Bros. this week. The stock will probably be disposed of in a short time.

THREE RIVERS.

May Supper, Congregational Church, Thorndike, Monday. Tickets 15 and 25 cents. Fancy articles and home-made candy.

Harley Kendrick of Amherst visited his mother last week.

Arthur Warriner has been kept from his work by illness this week.

Mrs. Lepa Chabbott in making an extended visit with relatives in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Herbert Cross of Springfield, a former resident, is visiting friends in town.

Lawyer Cross of Springfield has been appointed administrator of the Prosper Howard estate.

George Trickett has resigned his position as sexton of the Union church, and has been succeeded by Augustus Martin.

There will be preaching in the Baptist church next Sunday by E. A. Thomas at 10 45 a. m. Evening service to be announced.

Rev. G. S Butler spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Newburyport. Rev. A L. Spear of Springfield preached in the Union church Sunday.

Communion services will be observed in the

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Springfield, April, 1898.

Closing Out the WARWICK Bicycles!

It is now in order to get rid of what remains of the $75 men's Warwick's quickly, and to do so we have reduced the price—

to $25!

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A fine stock at unmatchable prices. And now the assortment is complete. It is a good time to get new brightness for your dining room, chamber or summer cottage windows.

We are selling:

Curtains of White Muslin, two and one-half yards long, with white ruffles, at

69c per pair!

Curtains of White Lappet Muslins, two and one-half yards long, at

95c per pair!

Figured White Muslin Curtains, two and one-half yards long, ruffles of the same material, at

87c per pair!

Others at $1.38, $1.50, $1.87—to $4.50 per pair.

Curtains of Fish Net, two and one-half yards long, at

95c per pair!

Others at $1.25, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $2.75 and $3.

Curtains of printed Lappet Muslins in beautiful patterns, such as azalea, wisteria, daisy, rose, etc., with ruffles of same material or white muslin—at $1.18 per pair.

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Our 6 ft. size Oak Dining Tables, in two shapes, squares and oblong tops, at

$3.75 each!

Our 8 ft. size in the same tables, at

$4.75 each!

Our Oak Tables, with six legs, finely finished, in 6 ft. size, at $5; 8 ft. size at

$6 each!

Our Solid Oak Tables, with block corners, fine finish and massive fluted legs, 6 ft. size at $7; 8 ft. size at

$8.50 each!

Our remarkable Sideboard, well made, with three drawers, two cupboards and big mirrors, at

$10 each!

Our Solid Oak Sideboard, well made, with shaped French bevel mirror, lined silver drawers, cast trimmings, three drawers, two cupboards, at

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29, 1898.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

MONSON.

Death of George H. Stratton.

George H. Stratton, 65, one of Monson's druggists, died at his home on Main street yesterday morning about 4 o'clock of apoplexy. Mr. Stratton has not enjoyed good health for some time. About two months ago he had an attack of pneumonia, but after his recovery was able to attend to his duties, and was at his place of business as usual on the night before his death. He leaves one daughter, Miss Annie Stratton of Westfield, who is employed in the office of the Masonic Fraternal Accident Association, also one brother. The deceased was born in Gill, and has followed the drug business a greater part of his life. He was formerly associated with J. W. Colton in Westfield, later having a store of his own in Springfield. After the death of Harlow Chapin three and a half years ago he came to Monson and took charge of the drug store for Mrs. Chapin, later buying the business. He was noted for his square dealings, and would sell no article from his store that was not merchantable. He had some peculiar qualities, but made many friends. The funeral was held at the house this afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. Harry Blackford officiating. Burial will be at Williamsburg tomorrow.

Regarding Free Text Books.

Editor Journal:—I notice in the report of the town meeting in Monson, in regard to raising money for schools, I am reported as saying "I thought the system of supplying books wholly wrong." This is not quite correct, as I approve the system of supplying the scholars with books as we have done, and as the law requires. It is a great blessing certainly to the scholars and the parents. But Dr. Rand proposed to supply the more expensive books for the higher studies, which the law does not require such towns to furnish, as text books in Greek and a few higher English studies. It was a great step to go as far as the town does in furnishing free text books, and those who take the higher studies can well afford to be at the trifling expense of books, if tuition is free, and it really seemed ungracious, after so much is done, to turn round and ask for *more*, especially *just now*, when there is so much complaint of high taxes, and there is an effort all round to reduce expenses.

JAMES TUFTS

Monson, April 27th, 1898.

Methodist Church Gets $5000.

By the will of the late Rice M. Reynolds, which was filed for probate yesterday, the Methodist church of Monson is bequeathed the sum of $5000.

Cushman's bridge has been replanked this week.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cady has diphtheria.

Mrs. M. F. Brown of Ware is visiting Mrs. Smith on High street.

Miss Dora Green has a wheel, purchased of Buck & Co., of Palmer.

Mrs. S. H. Newton has spent the week with her parents in Amherst.

Joel H. Thompson has sold his farm near State Line to Michael Mcurisse.

The regular meeting of the Windsor Club will be held next Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Herlihy, Jr., returned from their wedding trip Tuesday evening.

Mrs Lillian L Chapin has been spending a few days with her son, Harry, in Worcester.

Miss Donalson and Miss Letha Potter of Springfield, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Potter.

Dr. H. W. Shaw of West Medway spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs W. E Shaw.

Photographer Gaouette is engaged upon Academy graduating class pictures, and is doing fine work.

Weather permitting, a party of bicyclists will attend the May breakfast at Palmer tomorrow morning.

Edward Duncan has left his position at Heimann & Litchen's straw works and gone to Providence, R. I.

Albert Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stewart, has the scarlet fever, and the house has been quarantined.

Mrs. Lewin and family, who have spent the winter in town, have returned this week to Cresent Beach for the summer.

Miss Leary of No. 8 intermediate and Miss O'Brien of No. 15 primary school visited Springfield schools Monday.

Day Spring lodge of Masons will hold a regular communication next Tuesday night, when the F. C. degree will be worked.

Mrs. Ellen Sprewenburg of Meriden, Ct., has been spending a few days with her sisters, Mrs. George W. Seymour and Mrs. A. H. Wallace.

A special meeting of A. A. Gage camp, S of V., will be held next Tuesday night. Every member is requested to be present, as there will be important business to transact.

It is expected that the animotiscope exhibition to be given in Memorial Hall next Friday evening for the benefit of the Women's Relief Corps will be one of the best entertainments of the season.

Mrs. Elizabeth Entwistle will leave the first of next week for Stockbridge, and on Wednesday will sail from New York with her son Charles for England, on the steamer Teutonic of the White Star line. They will probably remain several months.

The Salvation Army meetings have been well attended during the week, and much interest has been awakened. The Army will welcome to the division in Monson Major and Mrs. Parker of Boston. They will be at the meeting to-morow evening and Sunday afternoon and evening. The Major is also expected to speak Sunday morning in the Methodist church. He is one of the popular officers in the army command.

At a meeting of the Monson Cycle League Tuesday evening these staff officers were appointed, which will have charge of the various runs the club intends making this year: Captain, Fred E. Fairbanks; first lieutenant, A. M. Walker; second lieutenant, W. S. T. Fitz; color bearer, E. E. Thompson. The first run will be made to Palmer and return to-morrow night, starting at five o'clock from in front of the League rooms on Main street. All members of the League are invited.

Monson lodge of Odd Fellows celebrated the 79th anniversary of the founding of the order last evening. The Clipper quartette sang several selections very acceptably, two or more of them being reproduced later by the gramophone. Solos were also given by H. F. Miller, Leonard Phillips and Charles Wood of the quartette, and J. N. Graves and Mr. Phillips entertained the company with recitations. Refreshments were served, after which the card tables were brought in. The company went home about 11.30.

The following pupils in the No. 1 intermediate school have been neither absent nor tardy during the past month: Bertha Alonzo, Josephine Alonzo, Sophia Borgeson, Sadie Broadfoot, Margaret Cushman, Ella Crowley, Ethel Day, Agnes Fitzgerald, Mabel Fuller, Lizzie Lewis, Gertrude Leahy, Anna Marsh, Ruth Mumford, Hazel Moore, Faye Rindge, Georgia Smith, Wilson Brainerd, Harold Anderson, Edward Faulkner, David Higgins, Thomas Looney, Willie Matros, Everett Maguire, David Meaney, John Purcell, Elmer Pease, Louis Titus, Howard Giffin.

A supper and musical will be given in the Universalist church this evening. The supper will be served by the ladies from 6 to 8 o'clock. The musical will be given by Prof. J. S. R. Coy, assisted by his pupils, with the following programme:

ORGAN RECITAL.

Grand Chorean in E♭,	Guilmant
Nocturne in B♭,	Sidney
Solo, "Good-by, sweet Day." Miss Webb.	Vannah
Gavotte in A minor.	Thomas

PIANO RECITAL.

Improvisation, for organ and piano, Miss Noble, Prof. Coy.	Lellaehe
Solo, "Were I the Streamlet," Miss Fitz.	Lloyd
Piano duet, "3d Galop de Concert," Miss Hanson, Prof. Coy.	Blake
Piano solo, "Valse Brilliante in E♭," Miss Gavin.	Durand
Piano duet, "Fantaisie de Concert," Miss Cuddihy, Prof. Coy.	Lemeth
Solo, "Se Saraurose," Miss C. Webb.	Auditti
Piano solo, "Noveletta," Miss L. Webb.	Schanvenka
Piano duet, "4th Galop de Concert," Miss Noble, Prof. Coy.	Bohm

The Bohemian glass blowers which are exhibiting in Memorial Hall each evening this week under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans are drawing good-sized audiences. An elaborate musical concert, and an exhibition of glass works are given each night, followed by a social hop. At the entertainment Tuesday night Miss Annie Toner drew a prize for being the handsomest lady in the hall; Wednesday night William Burdick drew a prize for being the best gentleman dancer; last evening Miss Lena Darling drew a prize for being the best lady waltzer. A prize will be given this evening to the homeliest man, and at the matinee to-morrow afternoon every person will be presented with a handsome spun bookmark. To-morrow night, the last night of their stay, an elegant crystal prize valued at $50 will be given to the baby receiving the largest number of votes during the week. A number of babies have been voted for, but the leading ones thus far are Willie Lyons and Hattie Merchant.

Francis Cook. Edward Potter. Cheney Newton.

BRIMFIELD WHEEL HORSES OF THE DEMOCRACY,

Discussing the Measures of the Present Day and Administration.

HAMPDEN.

The Glen woolen mill is running on half time.

Springfield Pomona grange will meet with Hampden grange next Wednesday.

Rev. N. D. Parsons preached his farewell sermon in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

The Woman's Club met Monday evening. Miss Sessions read a paper on the "Literature and art of Spain." "Current events" was led by Mrs. J. Q Adams.

HOLLAND.

Mrs. H. Brown, who has had excellent success with poultry raising, has at present a large inculator.

Parties have been employed the past week clearing the common of the debris resulting from the winter's ice storms.

On account of the inclemency of the weather, the attendance at religious services Sunday was unusually small.

Parties from Southbridge and Warren were in town last week gathering arbutus, of which there is an abundance this year.

Lewis Howlett of Worcester, formerly of Holland, recently moved back to town and located on the old Howlett homestead.

WEST WARREN.

Robinson Lane has moved his family to Ipswich.

The family of James Chapman will soon move to Three Rivers.

John Collins has bought the house of J. W. Brown on High street.

Amory Crossman has been drawn as juror for the United States court at Boston.

Rev. Mr. Sutherland, the new pastor at the M. E. church, lives in Brookfield. He preaches in Brookfield in the forenoon and supplies the pulpit here in the afternoon. The regular weekly prayer meeting service has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday evening; Sunday school at 1.30.

WILBRAHAM.

Jason Butler has been drawn as juror.

Albro Bryant has moved into the house of William Rice on Springfield street.

The women's parlor of the First Congregational church has been renovated.

W. T. Knowlton of the Albany Medical College is spending a vacation at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Burbank, who have been confined to their home by illness, are improving.

Rev. Mr. Thomas, the new pastor of the Methodist church, has not yet moved to town on account of the illness of his wife.

Rev. F. M. Miller has joined the Vermont conference and has been stationed at Ludlow, Vt., and will begin his duties next Sunday. Mr. Miller's family will remain in town for the present

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

The public library has been moved into the room occupied by the post office. Hereafter books may be taken from or returned to the library on every week-day between 2 and 3 p. m., and on every week-day evening, excepting Tuesday and Friday, between 6.30 and 7.30.

James Murphy and James Long assaulted a driver of a wood team upon which they were riding Monday afternoon. They refused to leave at his command, whereupon the driver used his whip upon them and they in turn assaulted him and chased him into the village. Constable Rindge placed Murphy under arrest, but the latter immediately started on a run for freedom, pursued by the officer. Accompanied by Long he made his escape across the river into Ludlow.

LUDLOW.

Mrs. John E. Stevens has returned from a visit of about a year in Germany.

The Ludlow Manufacturing Company has made improvements on the library grounds, which were badly cut up when North and East streets were graded.

Miss Mary Theresa Rice and Henry J. Carton of Indian Orchard were married Monday morning by Rev. Mr. Powers at St. Matthew's church, Indian Orchard.

Owen Clifford, 60, has been missing from his home since Wednesday of last week. When last seen he was walking along the bank of the Chicopee river toward Indian Orchard. It was at first thought that he had gone to Holyoke, where he has a brother, but when it was learned that he had not been there his family and friends became alarmed. The Chicopee river was dragged Monday, but no trace of the body was found. Mr. Clifford has a wife, six sons and three daughters.

WARE.

The fire district meeting will be held in Firemen's hall May 9th.

A new organ is to be built and set up in the Episcopal church by the 20th of next month.

A small cut-down went into effect Monday at the Gilbert mills, the wages of the weavers of white worsteds being cut down 9 per cent. Only 11 weavers are affected by the cut-down.

Miss Cora Guilderson and Joseph Lyons of Hardwick were married Monday afternoon by Rev. James Boyle. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Lyons will reside in Hardwick.

The selectmen met Monday evening and granted the following licenses: 1st and 4th class, $1600, F. F. Gilmore, William J. Volk, David A. Jennison, John Hennessy, James Neville, John Malbouef, Felix Bombard. Joseph H. Beauvais, John D. Smith and Arthur P. Stubbs were granted druggist's licenses.

BELCHERTOWN.

Mrs. J. R. Gould is visiting in New York.

D. P. Clapp has returned to Brooklyn, N. Y.

The social circle held its last sociable of the season Wednesday evening.

Rev. Vernon C. Harrington of Cleveland, O., visited friends in town Tuesday

Nelson Randall has bought H. D. Hoag's two-tenement house on Maple street.

Rev. G. J. Newton will preach the Memorial Day sermon, which will be given in the Congregational church.

Miss Bessie Bridgman, who has spent the winter in New York, has returned to her home in Belchertown, accompanied by her friend, Miss Baxter.

The young friends of Orison Lane gave him a surprise party at his home in Turkey Hill district last Friday evening, and presented him with a sum of money.

The selectmen have granted the following liquor licenses: L. W. Dillon, second and fourth classes; M. F. Sullivan, first and fourth classes; C. H. Snow, sixth class.

A meeting of the Current Events Club was held Monday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Newton. The subject was "Spain and her relations to the United States."

WALES.

T. J. Hynes has the care of the roads this year, and has commenced the repairs.

Harry J. Medzker has enlisted in Co. K, 6th Mass. regiment, and gone to the front to fight Spain.

Mr. Squier of Monson was in town this week with his gasoline wood sawing machine, sawing up the family woodpiles.

The annual meetiou of the Baptist church was held Wednesday evening. The old list of officers was continued with slight changes.

Alfred Fox is making extensive improvements in his recently-purchased villa. Mr. Gavin has the contract to put in a wall around the entire lot of six acres, on which Mr. Fox will soon erect a gothic cottage and a large henery, intending to supply the village with early chicks for broiling. The hotel will contract for a good supply daily for its use.

As Edward R. Shaw and his son Randolph were driving to their work at the Berkeley mill last Monday morning, in turning out for another team the horse shied and capsized the wagon. Mr. Shaw was quite badly injured and is still confined to his room; no other damage was done other than a broken shaft and crosshar. The horse ran a short distance and was captured.

BRIMFIELD.

Wheel Horses of the Democracy.

No story of Brimfield life would be complete or true which did not give an important place to each of these three venerable citizens, Cheney Newton, Edward Potter and Francis Cook. Each possesses a marked individuality and each has contributed in an important and characteristic way to the history of his town. All three have been "town fathers," all three have always been consistent Democrats, all three are honest men. The lives of these men have been mainly circumscribed by the hill boundaries of Brimfield, but they have exhibited qualities which, taken in their sum, are the potent forces of the world. Their portraits will bring vivid recollections to both present and former inhabitants of Brimfield, and to many who have been but transient visitors within its secluded valley. They will be recalled the privileged social intercourse and memorable discussion, and there will be memories, now of wisdom and native eloquence, now of sharp wit and shrewd observation, sagacity and shrewd sense, determined purpose and perserving effort, humane feeling and kindly act, civil virtue and patriotism,—these enter into the mental picture of this group of well-known citizens of Brimfield which the visible picture suggests. The village blacksmith, whose sturdy blows, matching his sturdy spirit, resounded year in and year out, and his comrade on either hand who offered his strength to the country's cause, have alike been staunch and unswerving, not only in their adherence to the Democracy of party, but also in their loyalty to the broader Democracy of principle, in which they have greater cause to-day than ever before to glory.

WARREN.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Universalist church met with Mrs. Charles Comins Thursday afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Enos Cutler was held at his late home on the North road Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Beeman officiated.

Mrs. Tyler, 87, widow of Captain John Tyler, died at her home on Quaboag street Wednesday. She leaves five children. The funeral was held this afternoon.

The ladies of the Home Missionary Society are making plans for an extremely appetizing May breakfast, which will be served in the Congregational chapel from 6.30 to 9 to-morrow morning.

The last entertainment in the lecture course will be given in the town hall next Monday evening, when the two dramas, "The day before the wedding," and the "Decline of the heroine," and the operetta, "Jacobi," will be given by local talent.

The death of Mrs. Lillian Lincoln Upham occurred at her father's home on Curtis avenue Wednesday evening, and brought sadness to many hearts. Mrs. Upham was 22 years of age and died after an illness of but 12 hours. She leaves beside her husband, her parents and a brother. The funeral will be held to-morrow.

Various plans are being laid for Arbor Day by the Village Improvement Society and others. Among others a system similar to that used by Col Waring of New York, will be introduced into the schools, interesting the pupils in the matter of street cleaning. A pledge has been adopted and a system of weekly reports will be kept, whereby each pupil will receive credit for any effort in this line, the results of which will be published monthly.

Mrs. A. J. George, secretary of the Brookline Educational Society, and an active worker in the Anti-Suffrage League, will speak on the subject of anti-suffrage in Brigham's Hall next Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. George is a Wellesley graduate and a bright speaker. The lecture is under the auspices of the Tuesday club, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present. The lecture will be free. It is one in a course of three or four which the club has planned for this season, at which various topics of public interest will be taken up from different points of view. The club held its fortnightly meeting with Mrs. D. G. Hitchcock this week.

CARD OF THANKS.—The committee on the Rebekah Bazar wish to return most sincere thanks to all who so kindly contributed of their time, means and money for the success of the same.

PER ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE.

CARD OF THANKS.—We wish to express our thanks to the many friends who so kindly remembered our loved one during her long and patient suffering, also for the sympathy, deeds, and tokens during our recent bereavement.

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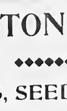

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RETURNING—Leave Boston 8.45 a. m.; 1.30, 4.00 p. m. Sundays, 1.30 p. m.
FOR Worcester—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
RETURNING—Leave Worcester 9.15 a. m.; 2.25, 4.58 p. m.
FOR Oakdale, Hudson and Waltham—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.
FOR Gilbertville, Barre and Cold Brook—6.55, 9.00 a. m.; 3.14 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

GOING WEST.

FOR Bondsville, Belchertown, Pansy Park, Amherst, Hadley and Northampton, 7.15, 11.24 a. m.; 4.28, 6.47 p. m. Sundays, 4.35 p. m.
RETURNING—Leave Northampton 5.55, 8.00 a. m.; 2.15, 6.00 p. m. Sundays, 6.55 a. m.

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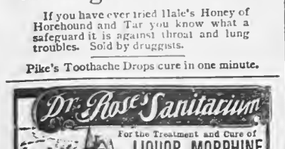
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While lovely Sweet and Tweety,
And happy Sweet Sixteen,
Went floating light as thistledown
The merry staves between.

When Polly played the lancers,
You should have seen us bow,
And weave the figures out and in;
Would we were dancing now,
With Polly playing bravely,
And all the old set there,
Till who'd believe 'twas midnight by
The clock upon the stair.

Then Polly played as gayly
As the youngest heart can feel,
And, lad and lass, we danced amain
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—*Tid-Bits.*

Willie—"Say, pa, what's a floating debt?" Pa—"Our yacht, my son."—*Chicago News.*

"Did you get your hike on the instalment plan?" "Yes; I pay the doctor ten dollars a month."—*Puck.*

"They say Jihway's new suit is tremendously loud." "Loud! Why, it would disturb the nap of a silk hat!"

Fuddy—"There are people who make a cloak of religion." Duddy—"I know. It is a bad habit."—*Boston Transcript.*

"My hopes," he mused bitterly, are ashes!" Suddenly a great light came into his face. "I will sift them!" he exclaimed.—*Detroit Journal.*

"Bob says I grow more beautiful every time he sees me," said Mary. "Why don't you ask him to call oftener?" said Anne.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Patience—"What is the cheapest-looking thing you ever saw about a bargain counter?" Patrice—"A husband waiting for his wife."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

"When a man stahts out ter live on 'is wits," said Uncle Eben, "dat very purceedin' 'ronses suspicion dat he hah a mighty small capital."—*Washington Star.*

Latest from the Intelligence Office—"Oh, Bridget, I told you to notice when the apples boiled over." "Shure I did, mum. It was a quarter past 11."—*Brooklyn Life.*

Mac—"Mr. Smoothe called on me last night. He's a perfectly lovely conversationist." Marie—"What did he say?" Mac—"Just proposed; that's all."—*Judge.*

"Papa, where do they get those pretty shiny collar buttons from?" "From the oyster, my child." "But, papa, how do the oysters get under the bureau?"—*New York Press.*

Miss Upton—"I've just heard Miss Kails play at the musical. She can positively make a piano talk." De Wittee—"Can she make it monopolize the conversation?"—*Puck.*

"Uncle, which breed of chickens is the best?" "Well, sah, de white ones is de easiest found, an' de dahk ones is de easiest hid atter yo' gits 'em."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

"I thought you told me you could do plain sewing?" "So I can, ma'am." "Look at those stitches; I can see them clear across the room." "Well, ain't that plain enough for you?"—*Truth.*

"Jones is looking all over town for you." "So I understand; but I'm keeping under cover. It must be that I owe him money or that he wants to owe me some."—*Philadelphia North American.*

Mrs. A.—"I think your husband is a very quiet dresser." Mrs. B.—"H'm! You might change your opinion if you heard him looking for his clothes some mornings."—*Browning, King & Co's. Monthly.*

"There is one thing I wish to know in connection with trusts and pools," remarked the casual caller. "What is that?" "When a pool collapses does the water in the stock dry up?"—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

"I believe," said Uncle Eben, "dat de human race would be consid'able wiser an' happier ef you could git 'em to foller an ahgument as easy as you kin git 'em to foller a circus pulcession."—*Detroit Free Press.*

American tourist—"I understand, marquis, that you fell in love with a distinguished American lady on account of her pretty foot." Marquis—"Dat is it. Dat is it. De pretty way she foots de hills."—*New York Weekly.*

Discursive Preacher—"And now, brethren, having ended with the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, where shall Hosea come in?" Old Parishioner (rising)—"'E can 'ave my place, Pahson; I'm goin' out."—*Sketch*

New Yorker—"Your Coliseum served one good purpose. Hundreds of the people of your town learned to pronounce the name." Chicago man—"Yes, and everybody pronounced it superior to Madison Square Garden, too."—*Chicago Tribune.*

"Ella, you have been playing all the afternoon with these toy soldiers. They're not a proper amusement for a big girl like you," said her mother. "But, mamma, I am not playing with the soldiers. I picked out the officers and played with them."—*London Tit-Bits.*

Great Explorer's Friend (as the latter is about to start)—"Well, professor, you've arranged for your lectures and book when you come back, haven't you?" Great Explorer—"Yes; also my testimonials are written for the canned goods, the clothing, the boats and the cooking utensils. All I have to do now is to get lost and my fortune is made."—*Boston Journal.*

A lady who saw that her servant girl seemed to take a certain interest in the objects of art in her parlor, said to her: "Which one of those figures do you like best, Mary?" "This one, mum," said Mary, pointing to the armless Venus of Milo. "And why do you like the Venus best?" "Sure, it's the aisiest to doost, mum," answered the girl.—*Harlem Life.*

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A writer in the Nineteenth Century says: I found a general confidence in England that theories of some kind, or luck, or a kind of Providence, or something, would bring them through all right; but I found no one able to satisfy me as to how England could be fed under war conditions. No one seemed to appreciate that in the great wars with Napoleon the United Kingdom was able to feed itself, and that even as late as the Crimean war in 1854-5 the home producing was, after deducting seed, 16,427,742 quarters and the imports only 2,983,000 quarters. The present condition of Great Britain is without a parallel either in its own history or the history of any great nation.

England is living from hand to month more than people have any idea of. I found from the best authority I could get in Liverpool that in August, when I was there, the supply of wheat in the hands of importers was for between three and four weeks only, inquiry in a number of bakers' shops disclosing the fact that the average supply in them was for about four or five days, in the large bakeries less than a week, in the mills three or four weeks. Two months' stoppage of foreign corn would reduce the rations for the people about one-fourth of what is required, and half of it would have to be secured by the command of many divergent and lengthened sea routes.

A PHILADELPHIA SHAVE.

The *Philadelphia Record's* calculating barber says: "I see that your shoestrings are tied in how-knots. Did you ever stop to think how much of the string is required to make those useless loops? Probably three inches of each end. Tie the laces in ordinary knots and you could cut from the pair four pieces, each three inches long. There are 500,000 people in this city, and 30,000,000 in the United States who wear laced shoes. If each of these bought three pair of laces a year, that would mean 90,000,000 pair, from which could be snipped 360,000,000 ends. These pieces, placed end to end, would make a continuous shoestring 17,045 miles long—long enough to stretch two-thirds of the way around the earth. Suppose that the shoestrings cost at retail an average of three cents a pair; then the 90,000,000 pair used annually in the United States cost $2,700,000. One-fifth of their length could be done away with by cutting off the useless ends, and the value of these ends is therefore one-fifth of their net cost, $540,000. This sum would buy upward of 10,000,000 pocket handkerchiefs for the heathen of Africa. Witch hazel or bay rum?"

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The little birds on bloomy spray
Were cooking head and preening feather;

The glad brook slipped the grim frost's tether,
The red-bud flushed with thoughts of May;
Beloved, it was April weather
When Love went down the wilding way.

And thou and I,—we knew not whether
To laugh or weep, be sad or gay;
When Love went down the wilding way
With tears and joy so close together—
Beloved, it was April weather.

—*Edna Proctor Clarke.*

POOR JIM'S JOKE.

Just as the stage road over the mountain made a sharp turn to the right I caught sight of a grave and a rude headboard, and when the driver was asked about it he replied:

"That's the grave of Jim Burns, an old friend of mine who was killed thar' two y'ars ago."

"Killed by Indians?" I asked.

"No, sir. No Injuns around here to kill anybody."

"A bear, perhaps?"

"No, sir. Pore old Jim was killed fur a joke, and I'm not feelin' easy about it yit. I was comin' over this trail with five passengers, and when we stopped down at Murphy's fur dinner, same as to-day, one of the passengers came to me and sez:

"'Tom, mebbo you hev noticed that feller among us with the red whiskers and a loud voice? He's sassy, and he's full o' brag and we want to humble him into the dust.'

"'How you going to do it?' sez I."

"'We'll put up a job on him,' sez he. He's blowin' around that this stage can't be robbed while he's along. If you'll git somebody to hold us up and humble old red whiskers, we'll make up a purse o' $50.'"

"It was to be a joke?" I queried.

"Yes, a joke on the old red whiskered man," replied the driver. "Jim Burns happened to be thar that day, and as he was a great hand fur a joke I put up the job with him. I gin him half an hour the start and then followed on, and as soon as we started the passengers began to work up the man. He had a couple o' guns with him, and I could h'ar him blowin' an' bluffin' as to what he would do if the stage was stopped. It jest tickled me, for Jim was an ugly-looking kuss and had a voice on him like the growl o' a b'ar. I cakerlated he'd make red whiskers go down into his butes at the fust yell."

"Well, the stage reached the turn," I said.

"It natcherly did, sah. When we reached the turn, I slowed up a leetle, and Jim jumped up and yelled fur hands up. I pulled up the horses, and he hollered fur the passengers to git down. Lord, how Jim hollered! You could hev heard him two miles away. Everybody got down, and the passengers in the joke purtended to be half skeert to death."

"But how about red whiskers?"

"Fur about a minit or two he 'peared to be ready to collapse, but then he pulled himself together, and it was had for pore Jim Burns. He had a gun in both hands, and he opened fire and shot to kill. I don't know how many bullets he fired into Jim, but it wasn't less'n six, and then he put in half an hour scoutin' around to see if any more robbers was at hand."

"Then the joke was not a success?"

"Not skassly, sah—not skassly. I got my $50, but Jim Burns is lyin' haek thar, while the red whiskered man was so mad about the put up job that he driv' all the other passengers out of the stage and made 'em walk 15 miles. I'm a great hand for a joke, sah, but I ain't jokin' no more—not with red whiskered men. They may be great hands to brag, but they is also loaded fur b'ar."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

EVEN WITH HER CROSS-EXAMINER.

"Now," said the lawyer who was conducting the cross-examination, "will you please state how and where you first met this man?"

"I think," said the lady with the sharp nose, "that it was—"

"Never mind what you think," interrupted the lawyer. We want facts here. We don't care what you think, and we haven't any time to waste in listening to what you think. Now, please tell us where and when it was you first met this man."

The witness made no reply.

"Come, come," urged the lawyer. "I demand an answer to my question."

Still no response from the witness.

"Your Honor," said the lawyer turning to the Court, "I think I am entitled to an answer to the question I have put."

"The witness will please answer the question," said the Court in impressive tones.

"Can't," said the lady.

"Why not?"

"The Court doesn't care to hear what I think, does it?"

"No."

"Then there's no use questioning me any further. I am not a lawyer. I can't talk without thinking."

So they called the next witness.—*Cleveland Leader.*

FOR STAMP-COLLECTORS.

On August 5th the United States government destroyed all the plates used in printing postage stamps from 1847 to 1894, by melting them in the Navy Yard furnace. Not only the regular postage-stamps, but also the Department, Due, and Newspaper stamps were included. The original dies and rolls are still kept in Washington, but it is very unlikely that any of the stamps will be reprinted for many years, if ever. The destruction of the plates will tend to maintain and probably to increase the values of all unused United States stamps issued before the current set.

The English postal laws allow the transmission through the mails of "live animals." The "Philatelic Chronicle" of Birmingham states that a workingman took advantage of this regulation, and tendered his three-year-old child as an express parcel.

The child bore a tag with address, nine pence was paid as postage, and in due course the child was delivered to the address given.—*Harper's Round Table.*

UNEXPECTED FAME.—A distinguished author visited his old home in the South the other day. "Don't you know that man on the post office steps?" a citizen said to an old inhabitant, indicating the author.

"That feller with the heaver hat on?"

"Yes."

"I can't say as I does," said the man, after he had looked well at the author.

"Well, that's So-and-So—who used to live around here; he's a great man now."

"Onpossible!" exclaimed the old inhabitant, "how could he ever 'mount ter anything? Why, he use ter tote water ter my mules!"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

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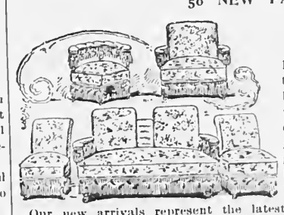

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It was frightful!

Jones, the world-renowned halfback, partially awoke.

Three passenger cars were piled on top of him.

A piece of pipe was coiled around his neck.

The rim of one of the great driving wheels of the engine rested on his face.

His legs were pinned down by a heavy beam.

A pillow had been forced against his nose and mouth, making it impossible for him to breathe.

His arms were pressed against his sides, and he tried in vain to move.

But willing hands were at work upon the wreck, and at last Jones, the world-renowned halfback, was dragged out.

Looking around, in a dazed fort of way, at his rescuers, he asked:

"How many yards did we gain on that 'down,' boys?"—*Cleveland Leader.*

TO LEARN TO LAUGH.

The musical laugh of women has echoed down through the ages. It has been set to music, embalmed in precious prose and preserved in the photograph of poetry. "Her laugh was soft and silvery like a moonbeam," was said of Nell Gwynne. But like the blue teapot of Punch's young housewife, the laugh of Nell Gwynne would be hard to "live up to."

Half a dozen women who have never been accused of imbecility even in a mild form propose to form a laughing class for a Lenten diversion. They will meet one day a week and have a lesson in voice melody from a teacher in elocution. Chuckles and giggles are to be trained out of existence, while the highpitched squeal common to the nervous woman is to be transformed into a scale of musical notes. The teacher of this class that is to be has decided ideas on the laugh question.

She says that most women "chortle like the jabberwock" of which the late lamented Lewis Carroll wrote, and that the musical laugh is as potent in effect as the heroine of John Oliver Hobbes' "Bundle of Life," whose voice was so sirenesque that when "she babbled of brickdust one thought of lute strings."—*San Francisco News Letter*

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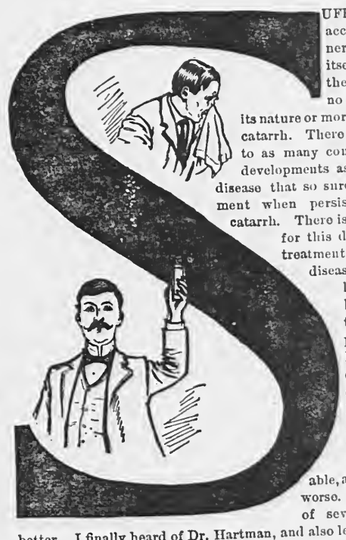

SUFFERERS from catarrh, on account of the insidious manner that the disease manifests itself, are often led to believe they are incurable. There is no disease more disgusting in its nature or more difficult to overcome, than catarrh. There is no disease that will lead to as many complications and dangerous developments as catarrh, and there is no disease that so surely yields to proper treatment when persistently followed, as does catarrh. There is only one proper treatment for this distressing affliction. That treatment is Pe-ru-na. Catarrh is a disease of the mucous membrane lining the organs of the body, and is therefore liable to appear in any of the important organs of the body. Pe-ru-na has cured cases of catarrh innumerable. Here is one, that of Jane Eldred, of Macks Creek, Mo. "A year ago I was so badly afflicted with catarrh that I was thought by all to be incurable, and all the time was growing worse. I was under the treatment of several doctors, but got no better. I finally heard of Dr. Hartman, and also learned that if I wrote to him he would advise me free. I did this and can thankfully say that the advice he gave me to take Pe-ru-na was all that was necessary to effect a cure."

Another case comes from Mt. Sterling, La. Mr. Wm. Held says: "I want to tell you that I am well of my catarrh and have not felt so well in twenty years, although I am now an old man. Your Pe-ru-na and your good advice have done it, and I thank you. It is the best medicine in the world."

F. W. Linden, of 412 Scott Street, Little Rock, Ark., had chronic catarrh that had extended to his lungs. He was indeed in a precarious condition. He suffered with a severe cough and while he consulted many physicians, was unable to obtain any relief. He was told that his right lung was affected. As a last resort he tried Pe-ru-na. He says: "After taking the first two bottles of Pe-ru-na I felt great relief. I continued to take it until I was entirely cured."

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A NEW THEORY FOR MARRIAGE.

On the assurance of an expert that they were physically and mentally adapted to each other, John Ward Ellis and Miss Mattie Weaver of Scranton, S. D., were married after an acquaintance of less than an hour. Both were present not long ago at a lecture by Prof. William McShane on "Love, Courtship, and Marriage." The Professor's contention was that men and women pay too little attention in choosing life partners, to similarity of temperament, taste, and education. He urged that these considerations be made paramount in the selection of husbands and wives rather than mere blind passion. To illustrate his theory ten young ladies at random from the audience, defined their characteristics and explained why they should wed husbands of such and such dispositions and habits. Then he made selections for them from among his male hearers.

Ellis and Miss Weaver were among the ideal couples pointed out thus. Neither had ever seen the other before, but so deep an impression did the Professor's words make on them that a brief consultation between them followed immediately after the lecture at which they determined to act on the speaker's suggestion. It was already so late that it was necessary to drag the Clerk of the Court and a Justice of the Peace from their beds to issue the license and tie the hymeneal knot. Prof. McShane appeared as a witness at the ceremony and emphatically expressed the opinion that a union so wisely formed could not end otherwise than happy.

Ellis is a young farmer near Scranton. His bride is the 22-year-old daughter of a merchant of the town.—*Minneapolis Journal.*

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